



PROTEST FAILS TO SAVE LAST BANK

BY CHARLOTTE CALLEAR



The bank in Hednesford

A LENGTHY battle to save Hednesford's last bank from closure has failed as Lloyds shut its doors this week for the final time. It came despite a protest petition with more than 2,250 signatures.

At the same time, councillors had rallied to write to the banking giant in a bid to persuade it to stay. But despite the community's effort, the bank in Market Street shut its doors on Monday for the final time, sparking concerns over the impact it will have on elderly people and the future of the town itself.

Ward councillor Paul Woodhead, who has been behind the campaign, says it is a 'blow' for the area. "It seems that the company are making a decision that suits themselves but what we want is something that works for the community," he said.

"This is going to hurt the most vulnerable including elderly people who like to deal with people but now have to travel further. People come to the town for the bank being there and, without it, it is another challenge in our regeneration plan to draw people into the town and build confidence in traders that this is somewhere they can invest.

"It is a blow for the community but we cannot change their minds," Councillor Woodhead added.

The issue was debated at a council meeting last month and councillors agree to send a letter to the group chief executive of Lloyds, urging it to refrain from closing the branch.

Replaced

The letter reads: "This was the last bank in the town and would be another devastating blow for the traders and community of Hednesford. Lloyds Bank was saved from collapse in 2008 with £220 billion of taxpayers' money and had a moral obligation to serve our communities, not isolate them.

'It was further noted that up until 2015, there was a commitment from all major high street banks to keep the Last Bank in the Town, which was ditched in a coalition government agreement with bankers and replaced with 12 weeks, notice and 'community consultation'.

Simeon Morrison Brown replied in a letter on behalf of Lloyds Bank.

He wrote: 'We have made the difficult decision to close our Hednesford branch on 13 August due to the changing ways in which customers in Hednesford are choosing to bank with us.

'We realise that customers value the branch experience but the number of counter transactions made by personal customers using the Hednesford branch decreased last year by nine per cent.

'When we close a branch the decision is not taken in isolation but it is part of a wider review of how customers live, work and bank in the local area.'

This branch is one of 49 that will have been shut in a nationwide shake-up.

SHOW WILL SHAKE 'EM UP



CANNOCK Chase Drama Society members Louise Hewitt and Brett Dewsbury are revving up for All Shook Up at the Prince of Wales Theatre next month. The production is inspired by and features the songs of Elvis Presley - including big hits such as 'Jailhouse Rock', 'Heartbreak Hotel' and 'All Shook Up'. The group is now in its 73rd year and is one of Cannock's longest established amateur theatre groups with ages ranging from five to 70. Tickets for the show, which is being performed on September 27, 28 and 29, are £13 to £15 and can be obtained on 07968 757820

COUNCIL

Leader hits back over A-board fees

CANNOCK Chase Council leader Councillor George Adamson has hit back following growing calls for him to back down on what have been called 'anti-business' charges.

He said fees for A-boards, tables and chairs and other street furniture had been brought in to reduce obstacles for the disabled. In a letter to constituency MP Amanda Milling, who has been spearheading calls to drop the charges, he argued that the fees were minimal, amounting to 54p a week per A-board or £1.64 for a table and four chairs outside a cafe.

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RESCUE

Man stuck as police handcuff key snaps

A VISITOR to Hednesford Festival got more than he bargained for when he got 'trapped' by the police.

The man was trying on Cannock police's handcuffs when the key snapped in the lock. Firefighters freed the man.

An officer tweeted: "Massive shout out to the very lovely, understanding gentleman who got locked in handcuffs for several hours at Hednesford Carnival after the key snapped off."

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INDUSTRY

Jobs boost as plans go in to expand i54

A PLANNED 100-acre extension to the i54 business park, bringing in almost 3,000 jobs, has taken a major step forward.

Plans have been lodged with South Staffordshire Council to extend the site onto open fields. It is hoped the extension could provide a base for one large or several smaller employers, with up to 2,700 jobs on site. The scheme could also generate up to £600 million in investment.

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Man found dead after online 'sex trap'



Nigel Sherratt - confronted

A CANNOCK man has been found dead after he was believed to have been targeted by paedophile hunters.

Nigel Sherratt, aged 47, was found dead at his home, two days after he was trapped in a sting by vigilante group Soul Survivors, according to reports.

The group said it posed as a 14-year-old girl in Facebook chats with Mr Sherratt and claimed he had agreed to meet her - before revealing their true identities and accusing him of being a paedophile. In footage posted on Facebook, Mr Sherratt denied any wrongdoing but eventually admitted talking to the 'girl' on social media, claiming he did not know she was 14.

A relative reportedly said they found him dead and denied the accusations against him, claiming there was 'no investigation'.

Staffordshire Police confirmed that the body of a man was found in Ascot Drive on Sunday, August 5.

Mr Sherratt was seen on the footage being led to a police car but, as an independent investigation has been launched, the force did not confirm whether Mr Sherratt had been arrested. The force said his death is not being

treated as suspicious. A spokesman said: "The death has been referred to the Independent Office for Police Conduct due to previous contact between police and the deceased."

Soul Survivors said on Facebook it had received confirmation Mr Sherratt had 'taken his own life'. He was filmed as he sat in his car and confronted with messages allegedly sent by him.

On announcing his death Soul Survivors said: "In what we do this is not an outcome that we look to achieve and our only aim is to put it into the hands of the police."

Marvin the next boxing legend to hit Cannock

'MARVELOUS' Marvin Hagler is the next legendary boxer to make an appearance at Cannock's highly esteemed venue The Premier Suite.

Hagler, who reigned as the undisputed middleweight champion of the World between 1980 and 1987, will appear at the venue on November 1.

Hagler's appearance is another massive coup for the Premier Suite and owner Scott Murray.

Hagler won 62 of his 67 pro fights, 52 by knockout, and beat legends Tommy 'Hitman' Hearns and Roberto Duran in an illustrious career.

Former World Champions John H Stracey and Richie Woodhall will also be guests on the night and Mr Boxing 'Big Daddy' Steve Bunce will be giving his expert opinion on Marvelous Marvin.

There will be a gourmet meal, a chance to have a picture taken with Hagler, a live interview, a Q&A session, an MC and a comedian.

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The event will feature Ray 'Boom Boom' Mancini, 'The Tartan Legend' Ken Buchanan MBE, The 'Clones Cyclone' Barry McGuigan MBE, John Conter MBE, John H Stracey and Richie Woodhall, with Steve 'Big Daddy' Bunce.

To book tickets for both events call 01543 572092.

Drone snaps progress on designer outlet site

THIS aerial photograph shows how work is progressing on Cannock's multi-million pound designer outlet village.

Work to clear the site to make way for the £160 million McArthurGlen Designer Outlet started last month.

Formerly known as Mill Green, workers moved onto the development to begin site preparation and earthworks in July.

Due to be completed in 2020, the scheme will create 1,000 jobs for the local area, with Phase 1 set to be home to 80 premium and luxury brands offering year-round savings of up to 60 per cent, as well as restaurants and cafes, a play area, parking for cyclists and 1,400 car parking spaces.

Returning

After diggers arrived on the site off the A460, keen photographer Martyn Jones, from Hednesford, visited the area to fly his drone over the development.

From high in the skies above Cannock, he captured the scope of the work being undertaken and uploaded the photographs online.

Mr Jones, who usually photographs disused airfields and military sites, says he will be returning to the development each month to record the progress of the designer outlet from above.

"I want to photograph a visual record of how the landscape has changed - capturing the transformation from a building site to a retail park," he said.

"As it's still early days on the construction work on the site, I will be taking pictures of the retail park on a monthly basis going forward.

"I have been taking pictures with



One of Martyn Jones's pictures from above showing work progressing on Cannock's designer outlet village

the drone for three years now. I normally photograph disused airfields or military sites. The airfields can be quite fascinating due to parch marking where it's possible to see lost features like the outline of buildings or roads."

Cannock Chase Council granted planning approval for a designer outlet at Mill Green in September 2016 following consultations with the local community.

Following this, in December 2017, McArthurGlen announced a joint venture with Aviva Investors, The Richardson Family and U+I to develop McArthurGlen Designer Outlet Cannock, which will span 285,000 sq ft of retail space across two phases.

The development will become the group's 26th centre, and its seventh in the UK.

The McArthurGlen Designer Outlet will also deliver an additional £1.5 million investment in various projects that will bring significant benefits to the local community.

This investment programme will include the enhancement and ongoing maintenance of the Mill Green Nature Park, improvements to Cannock town centre and the town's

railway station, and support for developing skills and employment prospects for local people.

Gary Bond, joint managing director of development at McArthurGlen, said: "The new centre will generate significant employment for the local area and create a new retail destination for the region, serving 11 million local residents."

"McArthurGlen Designer Outlet Cannock will be built to the highest standards of architectural design and sustainability, reflecting and respecting the surrounding natural landscape."

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Woman dies as car rolls into field

A RUGELEY woman was killed when the car in which she was travelling mounted a grass verge and rolled into a field.

Michelle Brooks, aged 52, died at the scene of the accident on the B5062 at Tibberton near Newport, Shropshire, on August 5. The driver, a 56-year-old man, was taken to hospital and was later discharged.

Police closed the road while the vehicle, which was heading towards Shrewsbury and had rolled onto its roof, was removed.

Officers have asked anyone with information to contact West Mercia Police on 101, quoting reference number 3688 of August 5. Details can also be left anonymously by calling Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

Shop's special cases

A NEW shop has opened selling waterproof mobile phone cases and fittings for motorcyclists. UltimateAddons has its sales unit at Landywood Enterprise Park. Its cases allow bikers to run satellite navigation, Bluetooth intercom and audio apps, whilst charging the device.

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Charities set for boost from £12m 'lost' funds

A £12 MILLION pot of cash is lying unclaimed in Staffordshire trust funds, it has emerged.

Charities and community groups in the county stand to benefit from the situation through the re-activating of the funds as part of the Revitalising Trusts initiative announced by the Government last week.

The initiative identifies money which has lain dormant and unused in trust funds for years, often due to the deaths of the original founders and trustees. Relatively small amounts of cash are expected to prove collectively to be a huge boost to local good causes. In Staffordshire alone, some £12m has been identified.

The Community Foundation For Staffordshire (CFFS) is now appealing for information about other dormant funds which could boost the total further. Through investment by its fund managers, the CFFS has substantially increased the original sum of many dormant funds.

Among the dormant accounts was the miners' welfare fund from the long defunct Hilton Main Colliery in Featherstone, which closed in 1969. The fund had problems attracting new trustees and raising its profile to encourage applications and has grown to be worth more than £200,000.

It is expected the initiative will provide an extra £1m in grant funding to local groups every year.

Drink drive officer handed year's ban

A STAFFORDSHIRE Police officer has been disqualified from driving for 12 months and ordered to pay costs of £1,100 by a court.

Pc Zoe Cullen, aged 45, of the Hanley policing team, pleaded guilty at Derby Magistrates Court on Thursday to driving a motor vehicle while above the prescribed alcohol limit.

Chief Constable Gareth Morgan said: "I am extremely disappointed in this officer's conduct.

"I will not tolerate those who undermine the integrity of our service."

Cullen, who was not on duty at the time of her arrest, had previously pleaded not guilty.

She remains suspended from duty and will now be subject to internal misconduct proceedings.

Display of fine art

A FINE ART exhibition is being held at Cannock Library. The venue is showcasing the work of award-winning artist Malcolm Jones, including oil and acrylic paintings. The exhibition is running until August 31.

M6 driver injured in barrier smash



The stricken lorry Photo: Highways England

MOTORISTS faced up to 17 miles of tailbacks after a lorry smashed through a barrier and slipped down an embankment on the M6.

The lorry driver was taken to hospital with a head injury.

The crash happened at 2.30am on Thursday and led to delays of at least 75 minutes during the morning rush-hour.

Emergency services arrived at the scene to help release the driver who had been unable to get out of the cab after the lorry fell down an embankment and hit trees alongside the motorway near junction 13 for Stafford.

West Midlands Ambulance Service spokesman Murray MacGregor said: "The driver was unable to get out until firefighters had stabilised the vehicle. He was then helped out of the cab by ambulance staff."

"The 63-year-old was assessed at the scene and treated for a head injury and was taken to Royal Stoke University Hospital."

Long tailbacks formed on the south-bound carriageway in the wake of the crash which damaged an overhead bridge and almost 500ft of the near-

side barrier, Highways England said. Two lanes and the exit slip road were closed for up to eight hours while the driver was treated and the lorry was recovered.

The clean-up operation also involved clearing a fuel spill on the carriageway. Traffic was queuing back towards junction 15 for Stoke.

Highways England tweeted pictures showing the stricken lorry with the rear of the trailer down the bank. A large crane was brought in to raise the lorry and its trailer back onto the road so that it could be taken away.

Brick firm's £7m scheme lays a solid foundation

THE UK's biggest clay brick maker has unveiled a £7.6 million investment at its factory in Cannock.

A new kiln at Lodge Lane will boost Ibstock production by up to eight million bricks a year, enabling the site to produce a total of 28 million bricks annually at a time when demand for building materials is soaring.

The factory is the home of Ibstock's distinctive Stafford slate blue brick, made from Staffordshire's distinctive red clay, Etruria marl.

Lodge Lane opened in 1991. The investment project, which includes a new kiln, started in January last year with the factory being fully commissioned by the end of March this year.

The factory manufactures four types of blue brick - with its most popular being the Staffordshire slate blue smooth.

The site also has a specials department which makes a variety of different shaped bricks including sills, plinths, bullnose, and chamfered.

While blue bricks will be the main manufacturing focus, Lodge Lane also has the capability to manufacture red bricks.

Demand

Factory manager Richard Hall says the investment at the Cannock site was a real commitment to the future of blue brick manufacturing. He said: "The new kiln gives us increased capacity and the ability to produce up to 28 million bricks every year. It is the boost that the site needed and gives us a really good foundation to build on for the future."

"There is a lot of tradition in blue brick manufacturing and we are carrying this on and since we have increased production we have seen growing demand for these products."

Ibstock is the biggest manufacturer of clay bricks sold in the UK, with 20 manufacturing plants - including two in Aldridge - producing more than 850,000 bricks a year.

It also operates a network of 23 active quarries which are generally located close to its manufacturing plants.

The group saw pre-tax profit for the six months to the end of June rise 30.8 per cent to £50.9m on revenue that was ahead 0.7 per cent to £229.9m.



The Enormous Turnip is coming to the Lichfield Garrick next month
Picture by Mark Morreau

Turnip show 'a feast of action'

STUFF and Nonsense Theatre Company are bringing their 're-potted' version of the famous children's story The Enormous Turnip to the Lichfield Garrick on September 9.

Following their acclaimed Goldilocks & The 3 Bears and The Emperor's New Clothes, the company return with an adaptation featuring puppetry, live music and massive vegetables.

Daniel Ingleby, the theatre's deputy head of marketing, said: "The show is a feast of fast action, brilliant puppets and is set in a delightful garden."

● A 'spine-chilling murder mystery' will be at the Lichfield Garrick from October 15.

Following the success of its premiere in January, a new cast has been announced for The Classic Thriller Company's The Case Of The Frightened Lady by Edgar Wallace. Call 01543 412121 for details.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Shoplifter sent to jail for 24 weeks

A PROLIFIC shoplifter has been sentenced to 24 weeks in jail after a crime spree in Cannock.

David John Tuck, aged 28, of Huntington Terrace Road, Cannock, was sentenced for eight charges of theft and one charge of affray after stealing from several businesses.

Detergent, chocolate, alcohol and an MP3 player were among the items he stole from a number of shops including Nisa, Asda, One Shop and B&M Bargains.

He was arrested by Staffordshire Police on Tuesday last week and sentenced at Cannock Magistrates Court the following day.

Courses on how to trace family trees

TWO six-week courses of lessons for people wishing to trace their family tree are being planned to start at Burntwood Library in early October.

No previous knowledge is needed for the first one, but an element of the research is computer based and some computer skills are an advantage but not essential.

Organiser Pam Woodburn said: "I will be glad to discuss this course with anyone who contacts me, either by phone - please leave a message if I'm out - on 01543 684208 or by email pam.woodburn@talktalk.net."

Church is to host a parish family day

ANOTHER parish family day is to be held at St Augustine's Church on Saturday, September 8.

Cannock Chase MP Amanda Milling will open the event at 10.30am. Among the attractions will be games, activities, performances by local schoolchildren, the Big Community Tent, a beer tent, and a pamper tent.

Then on September 29 team rector David Evans will be doing a skydive to raise money for the community work of the Brereton and Rugeley parish.

Go to www.brteamministry.org/ latest-news for more information.

Probe into worries over plastic waste

A COUNCIL is asking residents what stops them from recycling more, as part of a 'Waste Less' campaign.

The aim is to reduce the amount of rubbish that ends up in landfill.

Lichfield District Council says it is an opportunity to voice concerns about plastic waste and disposable products, as well as the amounts of rubbish that are recycled. A questionnaire will remain online at www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/wasteless until Monday 10.

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Number of weekly pub closures static

THE number of pubs closing every week has remained at around 18 amid evidence that more people are choosing to drink at home, according to a new report.

There were 476 closures in the first six months of the year across the UK, 13 more than in the last six months of 2017, said the Campaign for Real Ale (Camra).

There were more than 60 pub closures a week in the North West and South East this year, with more than 50 in Greater London and the South West. Camra also reported that four out of five people had experienced a local pub closure in the past five years.

Most positive over dealings with GP

MOST patients are positive about their GP experience, a survey of almost 760,000 people has found.

Almost half of respondents described their overall experience of their practice as very good, while 37.6 per cent said it was fairly good.

Two thirds of patients who asked for a same-day appointment got one, the GP Patient Survey 2018 found, and 61.6 per cent managed to see their GP when they wanted or sooner.

However, around a third of patients who wanted to see a GP but found their practice was closed said they ended up going to A&E.

House price rise bucks forecasts

HOUSE prices grew faster than expected in July, hitting a record high as pressure on household finances begins to ease, according to Halifax.

The annual pace of house price growth rose 3.3 per cent, smashing economists' forecasts for a 2.6 per cent increase, and helping average prices hit a new record high of £230,280.

The figure compares with the 1.8 per cent rise recorded in June and represents the largest increase since last November.

Shortage of skilled workers now worse

THE shortage of skilled workers is getting worse, with most organisations now having problems recruiting suitably qualified staff.

The recruitment process is also taking longer, making it more expensive for firms to hire employees, said the Open University. Its research among almost 1,000 business leaders found that three out of five believe skills shortages have worsened.

Shoppers' sadness as M&S store shuts



Delia Wilkes and daughter Sandra Smallman from Cheslyn Hay

SHOPPERS have spoken of their disappointment that Walsall's Marks & Spencer shop has finally closed down.

They blamed online shopping and a lack of parking for the demise of the store, and said they hoped plans would be put in place to stop further shop closures in the town centre.

The Park Street store shut on Saturday after M&S had been in the town for more than 70 years. There

are no immediate plans for another retailer to take over the space.

Former court usher Delia Wilkes recalled using the 'iconic' store as a meeting point and said the closure would be a 'big loss' to the town. The grandmother-of-two regularly popped into the store when she worked at nearby Walsall Magistrates Court but made fewer visits once retiring.

Ms Wilkes, who lives in Cheslyn

Hay, said: "I was surprised because I did not know this one was closing. Everyone I spoke to inside the store was devastated."

Her daughter Sandra Smallman blamed a rise in online shopping for the closure. The 56-year-old support worker said: "It's really sad."

Mother-of-three Sheena Beesley said the store's failure to attract younger shoppers caused its downfall.

Thousands turn out for 'best festival yet'

By Annabal Bagdi

THOUSANDS of people made the most of the warm weather before the rain as they turned out for a thriving community festival.

More than 5,000 people were at Hednesford Park to enjoy the town's festival on Saturday.

Organisers behind the event, now in its third year, said it was the best yet, with plans to outdo their success next year. More than 100 organisations pledged their support to the five-hour festival, with up to 65 market stalls on offer for visitors to browse.

Pooches brought in the crowds as they flaunted their skills in a dog agility show, while a display of classic cars, bikes and trucks enticed motor lovers. Performers and musicians helped the good vibes continue throughout the day, including Cannock Wood and Gentleshaw Musical Society.

Helped

Youngsters giggled away during Punch & Judy shows, alongside bouncy castle and slides, fun fair rides and a toddler area.

Hednesford Town FC Supporters Association had a stall at the festival, raising £64 for the group's funds in the process. Past programmes and fixture lists were handed out in the hope of boosting attendances at Keys Park. "A big thank you to all those who helped and all those who spent money on our stall," chairman Scott Smith said.

Paul Woodhead, vice-chairman of Hednesford in Partnership, which organised the festival, said the whole event went 'really well'. He added: "There was a fantastic atmosphere."

"Everybody was using the park, which is what we want, the park is there for the community to use." Now organisers will set their sights on the town's Christmas lights switch-on.



Barry Emery and Michael Rowley from Lea Hall Brass Band entertain the crowds at the festival



Hednesford Town supporters Paula Smith, Glynnis Woodward, Christine Westbury



Geoff Clegg, left, Ian Hall and David Marklew are the Rotary Human Fruit Machine



Ash Raine walking his dogs around the classic cars display at Hednesford Park on Saturday

'Consistent trend' as drug abuse deaths soar

THE number of deaths from drug abuse has soared in a decade, shock new figures have revealed.

Figures from the Office for National Statistics show that in Stafford, Cannock Chase and South Staffordshire, there were 165 deaths in 2015 to 2017 – up from 14 in 2005 to 2007.

Stafford had the worst rate – 5.9 drug abuse deaths per 100,000 people – followed by Cannock Chase with 4.8. The national rate is 6.4.

Councillor Alan White, deputy leader of Staffordshire County Council and cabinet member for health, said: "The rate of deaths in Staffordshire is lower than the regional and national rates, but over the last decade, there has been a consistent upward trend, not primarily from overdoses but because people using drugs are getting older and suffering from general health issues, such as pneumonia and respiratory conditions."

The councillor also said the figures given were not up to date and the number of drug abuse deaths had plateaued last year.

There were 122 drug abuse deaths in the Black Country between 2015 and 2017 – up from 73 in 2005-07.

The borough with the highest rate was Walsall where 5.1 people died from drug abuse per 100,000.

Karen Tyrell, director of alcohol and drug charity Addaction, said: "The truth is that most drug-related deaths are preventable. Everyone deserves help, and we know that every person can recover with the right support."

Work begins on bus station refit

A MAJOR revamp of Walsall's busiest bus station has started with preparatory work beginning at the site.

St Paul's Street station in the town centre will have seating and flooring replaced, concrete walls in the waiting areas will be removed, large screens installed, and a public wi-fi spot introduced – a first for a bus station in the West Midlands.

A spokesman for Transport for West Midlands said preliminary work had started at the site.

Artist's impressions of how the station will look were being made public this week. The work will be complete by the end of this year.

Motorhome theft

A £30,000 motorhome was stolen from an address in Hednesford. The theft happened between Thursday night and the early hours of Friday in Chancery Drive.

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Former police HQ site sold for £15m

THE former Staffordshire Police headquarters site in Stafford has been officially sold.

Bellway has bought the 16-acre site for £15 million, before contributions to affordable housing, community infrastructure and other costs.

The net receipt of £10.3m from the developer is almost £3m more than the proposals in place before the county's Commissioner for Police, Fire and Rescue and Crime, Matthew Ellis, was elected. He said: "I wanted a bigger sale price and the right development for the local area."

"We've ended up with an excellent deal for the public purse."

Jobs on offer to meet cafes boom

THE Wrekin Housing Trust is appealing for catering applicants following a boom in business at its retirement community cafes.

A number of new posts have opened up at its eight ShireLiving apartment complexes in Staffordshire and Shropshire. The permanent assistant chef and catering assistant roles are available at locations including Cannock, Stafford, Telford and Shrewsbury.

No previous experience or formal qualifications are necessary.

Go to www.wrekinhousinggroup.org.uk/jobs for further information.

Now it's pick your own veg at farm

VISITORS to Canalside Farm, near Rugeley, can for the first time pick their own vegetables.

Bosses at the family-run farm, in Great Haywood, have extended its Pick Your Own offer to allow customers to pick their own cucumbers and runner beans, as well as tomatoes.

Owner Chris Barton said: "We have always grown a wide variety of fruit and veg, but have only ever opened up our strawberries and raspberries for visitors to pick their own."

"We thought it would be a good time to open it up to vegetables as well."

Artists in the frame for annual exhibition

NORTON Canes Watercolour Club are holding their annual art exhibition tomorrow (Friday) and on Saturday.

During the event, members will also be fundraising for the local Dementia Friends' 'Forget Me Not' appeal.

Admission to the exhibition, which at Trinity Methodist Church, in Poplar Street, Norton Canes, from 10am till 4pm on both days, is free and refreshments will be available.

Villagers set for play area relaunch



The new-look play area

A PLAY area will be officially reopened next month after a grant of £59,000 helped to fund a makeover.

Colton Park faced closure following a safety inspection in 2016.

Some 250 locals signed a petition to say they felt that it was a vital part of community life – and the Colton Play Area Group was formed.

It set out to find new designs and was successful in securing the grant from Biffa Award, a multi-million fund that helps to build communities and transform lives through awarding grants to community and environ-

mental projects throughout the UK, as part of the Landfill Communities Fund.

Work began in June, and a month later the park was opened. It will be formally unveiled on September 14.

The look of the play area was influenced by residents, who had the opportunity to help with designs.

Benjamin Ridgway, a volunteer responsible for community consultation, said: "It was extremely important to us that the design incorporated equipment which encouraged the use of imagination and exploring. We also

wanted the design and equipment to feel as natural as possible."

Villager Kate Staples, who applied for funding, said: "The park will act as a catalyst for opportunities for children and families. We are already planning monthly gardening sessions with the new planters and trying to engage the older villagers to work alongside the young ones."

Gillian French, head of grants for Biffa Award, said: "It's fantastic that the local community had a role in shaping the new look and feel of the park."

Action call as towns hit by 18 crimes every day

EIGHTEEN crimes are committed in Cannock and Stafford every day, according to new figures which show anti-social behaviour is rife across the county.

It comes after thousands of people said they have no confidence in the police as part of a crime survey carried out by the Chronicle's sister paper the Express & Star.

The latest figures show there were 1,506 offences in Cannock town centre and 1,796 reported crimes within a mile-radius of Stafford town centre in the first six months of this year.

During the same period, there were 1,029 in Lichfield, 871 in Rugeley, 518 in Hednesford, 502 in Penkridge and 527 in Burntwood.

Out of the crimes in Stafford, 683 were anti-social behaviour, along with 390 violent and sexual offences and 146 shoplifting crimes. The town has also been plagued with bike theft, with more than 100 cycles stolen since the turn of the new year.

Wrong

Cannock saw 370 anti-social behaviour crimes reported, 100 reports of shoplifting and 316 violent and sexual offences. Former police officer Councillor Maureen Freeman, who represents Cannock South on the district council, called for 'serious' action to be taken.

"I do not know what is going wrong with policing and I will not accept it is all down to cuts," she said. "I am constantly being told by residents that they do not see a police officer or PCSO on the streets and I would have to agree with that – I don't see them myself."

However, compared with last year from January to June, the number of reported crimes in the county has gone down. In Stafford, there were 1,906 last year, 1,557 in Cannock, 1,012 Rugeley, 1,111 Lichfield, 603 Penkridge, 557 Burntwood and 530 Hednesford.

Deputy Chief Constable Nick Baker said: "We will continue to prioritise the crimes that cause the greatest harm, as well as tackling the issues that cause local concern. Over the past 12 months we have introduced a more modernised service, which has seen a significant investment in neighbourhood policing."

Ready teddy go for park's fun day



Ranger Ted meets some of the youngsters during the fun day at Lichfield's Beacon Park

HUNDREDS of youngsters took part in games and activities during a fun day at Lichfield's Beacon Park.

Organised by Lichfield District Council, the event featured attractions such as giant snakes and ladders, hula hooping, a barefoot

walk, several stalls, a bouncy castle and carousel, a bungee trampoline, and a mini steam train.

Children and their favourite teddy bears also took part in the Teddy Games, including Ted on the Head, the Teddy Sprint and Teddy Wanging.

Councillor David Leytham, cabinet member for leisure, said: "Lots of children and their families came along to the fun day and had fun."

The council's Summer Holiday Fun programme is at www.activelichfield.co.uk/holidayfun

MP backs protest on 'dreadful' hub plans

SOUTH Staffordshire MP Gavin Williamson says he will do all he can to stop a rail hub being built on 700 acres of countryside.

The plan for the West Midlands Interchange at Gailey has been labelled 'dreadful' by the Defence Secretary, whose intervention comes after the proposals were handed to the Planning Inspectorate, which will decide whether they are acceptable before the project can move to the next stage.

Thousands of residents in villages including Gailey, Brewood and Calf Heath are against the scheme.

Mr Williamson said: "I am resolutely opposed to this dreadful application and have been working alongside residents to stop it. I believe that the development would create a substantial increase in pollution, a massive increase in traffic, and consequently have a terrible impact."

Meanwhile, another Staffordshire MP has said he will be eager to view final plans for the proposed rail hub.

Jeremy Lefroy, MP for Stafford, is opposed to the current plans by Four Ashes Ltd to create the interchange which residents fear will result in a huge increase in traffic and pollution.

Mr Lefroy said he planned to look at the detailed proposals to see if any changes had been made. He added: "I opposed the original plans on the grounds of use of green belt and very substantially increased traffic."

Nine inmates are released in error

NINE criminals were mistakenly released from prisons in Birmingham and South Staffordshire in three years, figures show.

They came from HMP Birmingham, and HMP Featherstone, HMP Oakwood and HMYOI Brinsford in Featherstone.

The prisoners were serving time for various crimes including violence against a person, theft and drugs. All of them were returned to custody.

The figures for April 2014 to March 2017 were obtained through a Freedom of Information request to the Ministry of Justice. A prisoner is officially classed as having been released in error if they are wrongly discharged from an establishment or court when they should have remained in custody.

Walk from Flash

CHASE Ramblers are going on an 8½-mile moderate/strenuous walk from Flash to Knotbury & Three Shires Head on Sunday meeting at Hednesford railway station car park for a 9am departure. Call 07540 45548.

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IN MY VIEW

with Mark Andrews



Now is it all change if we moan enough?

ACCORDING to a poll commissioned by that bastion of impartiality People's Vote, an organisation set up to campaign for a second referendum on leaving the EU, about half the population of the UK think it would be a good idea. Who'd have thought it?

As opinion polls go, it sounds about as authoritative as the old Whiskas advert which said eight out of 10 cats preferred their food. Still, they could be on to something. Perhaps it sets a precedent that any result we don't like can be reversed if we moan enough.

The Championship play-off final, for example, was a huge mistake. Villa should clearly have won. Time for a group called People's Final to commission a poll outside Villa Park at, say, 5.45 on a Saturday afternoon.

As for that World Cup semi-final against Croatia...

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THAT said, if there is one group more fanatical than the EU zealots, it must be militant cyclists.

Not the millions of ordinary people who simply enjoy riding bikes, you understand. While I don't understand the appeal myself, particularly if it means turning up at your destination dripping with sweat and needing a change of clothing, I do recognise that many people do. Each to their own, and all that.

The people I'm talking about are those on a mission to convert the rest of us to their way of thinking. They spend thousands on bizarre clothing, subscribe to all the magazines, and never stop boring the rest of us about their virtuous lifestyle. And for some reason, they view themselves as some kind of marginalised minority group warranting special treatment.

Over the weekend transport minister Jesse Norman announced proposals to update road safety laws following the death last year of Kim Briggs at the hands of cyclist Charlie Alliston. Because dangerous driving laws do not extend to cyclists, the prosecution had to rely on a charge of "wanton and furious driving" under an 1861 act aimed at horse-drawn carriages. As a result, Alliston was let off with an 18-month sentence, and is presumably at liberty once more.

You would think any reasonable person would be in favour of closing this loophole. But after a few hours of rage from the cycling zealots on Twitter the minister issued a timid apology.

I'm not sure which is the most pathetic. The siege mentality of the cycling nuts, or the craven minister who lacked the backbone to stand up to them.

Boris wades in once again, where others fear to tread



Blackadder's First World War futility – but Amiens was a battle which turned the tide



Boris's burka blast was not as much of a tub-thumping tirade as you might expect



Julian Lory, who was told to do some DIY policing after reporting his tools had been stolen

Taxing times for pay-up politeness

STILL no reply from TV Licensing on why their reminders have adopted a more threatening tone of late. In the meantime, a reader points out that the vehicle-tax reminder from the DVLA now begins: "Tax it or lose it." First the threat, then the demand for money. And we pay their wages. I seem to remember a time when every communication from the Civil Service ended: "I remain your most obedient servant."

THE way things are going it's only a matter of time before all these official reminders begin with: "Pay up or we'll send the boys round."

GREAT dates in history. August 8, 2018: Britain discovers the Battle of Amiens. This week's wall-to-wall coverage of the centenary of the battle was a lesson for the nation, delivered rather late.

THE problem this country's influential liberal-Left has always had with the First World War is that for almost 100 years the only acceptable narrative was one of butchery, failure, waste, stupidity, lions led by donkeys, Blackadder and Oh, What a Lovely War. So it's a bit awkward having to explain to a forgetful and ignorant nation that Britain and her Allies, led by the same "donkeys" as in 1916, actually won the war in the summer and autumn of 1918. They did it in a series of fast, mobile battles, skilfully co-ordinating armour, artillery, air power and infantry in a way never seen before. The Tommies of 1918 were proud of their victories, and we should be, too.

I AM not a fan of Boris Johnson. He was a dismal foreign secretary and would be a monumentally bad prime minister. But as a commentator and columnist who gets the nation talking,

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he is in a class of his own. And if you haven't read his Daily Telegraph column on the burka, then do. After all the fuss and fury, you may expect to find a beer-hall rant, a tub-thumping demand for burkas to be banned. It is exactly the opposite.

JOHNSON'S column is a timely, considered, intelligent and humane plea for Britain not to follow Denmark and France by imposing a ban on all face-coverings. Johnson clearly dislikes such forms of dress - hence his "letter box" jibe - but there is absolutely no way that his column, in an upmarket newspaper, could stir up racial or religious hatred - although some of the hysterical and politically-inspired reactions to it might. The howling-down, the demands for him to be punished are chilling. We are supposed to live in a free country. Some days I barely recognise it.

AND off to the car-accessory showroom where the staff have all been issued with headphones and Britney-style microphones, enabling them to communicate across the store. The result is a weird detachment. The lady at the till is looking at you and talking but she is not talking to you. She is talking to Carl in roof racks & camping and that sweet smile is for him, not you. So when you smile back, she looks at you as though you're mad. One day all these jobs will be done by robots. I don't think we will notice the difference.

WHILE he was busy repairing a roof in a Dev-

on village, Julian Lory had £8,000 worth of tools stolen by burglars. Police advised him to "go door to door" and see if he could "generate a line of inquiry." No surprises there, then. The days are long gone when the constabulary responded to ordinary crimes inflicted on ordinary people. The best Mr Lory can hope for is that one day he'll get a call that goes: "Hi, Julian. It's Pc Bloggs here at the local nick. Thing is, we've got a hole in the roof and wondered if you could fix it for us." And Mr Lory will have the exquisite joy of replying: "No. I've got a better idea. Buy a trowel and some nails and a bucket full of mastic and then get yourself a ladder and..."

HERE'S something to worry about when the drought goes away. After the discovery of water beneath the surface of Mars, a scientist popped up on telly to stress the absolute necessity of not contaminating Martian microbes with germs from Earth. Fair point. But to be honest I'm more worried about humankind's eternal quest for knowledge resulting in a vial of Martian microbes being brought to Earth - and someone dropping it.

AS any father will tell you, heroism is not part of the job description. But there was one moment in 1990 when I came home from work and presented my four-year-old daughter with something that made me the hero of the hour. I'd been interviewing a pair of North Country comedians and although I'd barely heard of them, my little girl was a huge fan. She still has that autographed photo of the Chuckle Brothers. Barry Chuckle died a few days ago and I bet a lot of 30-somethings shed a tear.

TALKING POINT



Doctor's orders on row over parking

IN reply to Mark Shipp's comments on the parking of emergency vehicles.

To begin with, the parking warden had actually been trained by EuroPark to not give out parking tickets to emergency vehicles so I would say he actually wasn't doing his job properly.

But to be honest, I don't even think that is the point.

Whether you think EuroPark actually trained him this way or he was being a jobsworth is up to you.

Mark 'agreed' with the fact that emergency workers need a drink during a long shift but didn't actually give any solutions to the problem.

Where they parked wasn't ideal but there was actually nowhere else nearby to park.

And on another point, this was private parking, so there are no actual 'laws' pertaining to this.

What I would like to ask Mark is how exactly does he think these hardworking, often self-sacrificing people will be able to drink, eat or even use the toilet if they have nowhere to park?

They may not have been on an emergency call (you don't exactly see a blue light to pick up a sandwich from Tesco's!) but they're always on stand-by for them.

So my question to you is - how would you feel if you called an ambulance for someone you cared about, someone very ill, possibly dying - and it took too long to arrive?

This is the reality of the situation if emergency workers find somewhere 'legal' to park.

If their ambulance is parked 20 minutes away and they have to run back, this loses precious time that they could be treating the patient.

And in some situations, minutes can mean life or death.

Would you really begrudge an ambulance parking on double yellows, would you be willing to run that risk?

Unfortunately these days in the current state of the NHS, a break doesn't necessarily mean a break. If often means ramming a sandwich down your throat as fast as possible and moving on to the next patient.

Our breaks are supposed to be protected but be realistic, are we going to sit down and relax with a cup of tea or down it and do our job?

It's hard being an emergency worker. Please try to walk a mile in our shoes before you criticise.

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Out in the open – leader defends A-board policy

CANNOCK Chase Council this week spelled out its policy on charging businesses for having A-boards, and tables and chairs on public land outside their premises.

It follows comments by traders and a petition calling for the fees to be scrapped being handed in to the council last week.

Council leader Councillor George Adamson told the Chronicle: "This is a policy we haven't introduced lightly.

"It follows the increasing use of public highways land for commercial advertising which, in some of our town centres, has created multiple obstacles. Under the Equality Act 2010, local authorities are required to take reasonable measures to protect disabled people from being disadvantaged by physical features.

Lawful

"The RNIB (Royal National Institute for the Blind) National Institute has highlighted the problems caused by poorly placed and managed street furniture, which can lead to blind and partially sighted people colliding with A-boards, chairs and tables. We need also to consider those with mobility difficulties, and those using wheelchairs. Our policy is consistent with the Government's own Inclusive Transport Strategy.

"All we are trying to do here is manage the situation between the public and our businesses. It is actually about protecting businesses, by regularising where they put street furniture, making this lawful, and ensuring there are no problems with public liability insurance," Councillor Adamson added.

"The policy also helps to make sure that all businesses are treated fairly and given the same opportunity to



Councillor George Adamson outside The Merchant in Market Place, Cannock – a business that has complied with the policy

benefit from using the highway. Yes, there is a charge, but this is only intended to cover our time and resources managing the processes. Furthermore, we firmly believe the charges should be met by businesses that benefit from the promotion or use of public space, and not by the council tax payer.

"Indeed, similar policies are also in place in Wolverhampton, Walsall, Tamworth, Stoke-on-Trent and elsewhere outside our region.

"We believe our charges of £85 for a single A-board for three years, or 54 pence a week, and £85 per year for a single table and four chairs, or £1.64 per week, are reasonable.

"The maximum cost at £500 a year to display between seven to ten tables and up to forty chairs applies to, we believe, only one business in the

district. Paying the charge certainly doesn't automatically make a trader's street furniture safe. What the charge does do is allow us to ensure that everything is lawful and compliant.

"We are also sympathetic to businesses who feel they are 'hidden', for example those located in alleyways off the main street. Here, we allow a single A-board at each entrance of the alleyway – subject to the law and safety. So, several businesses could split the cost of one board advertising them all.

"Overall, we are trying to make sure that all users of the highway, both businesses and members of the public, can do so legally and safely."

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Ridiculed for asking for more

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Stand up and live. It will be strange without aunty EU but she loves us only because we are quiet law-abiding souls. We have been ridiculed for wanting more and like Oliver they would want to punish us.

R HICKENBOTTOM
Burntwood

Most motorists still ignore speed limits

I FEEL compelled to write in 'praise' of the work being carried out by high-ways engineers from Staffs County Council, on behalf of pedestrians, road users and, not least, the residents of Limepit Lane, Cannock.

Their dedication to road safety should be commended, but not by this particular resident, or many others that I have spoken to in recent months.

At the same time, it appears the ma-

jority of motorists continue to ignore the speed limits in force, except at peak commuter times when the volume is such that dodging cars parked on the road outside many homes in the vicinity reduces traffic speed to a crawl.

There is no indication of the extended speed limit appearing soon, and certainly no sign at all of mobile speed cameras to catch drivers breaking the law.

When will parking danger be stopped?

ONCE again today I noticed cars were on double yellow lines in Cheslyn Hay High Street near Stevensons chemist.

There were four coming down towards the memorial. I always believed that yellow lines meant no parking. There is a pub within walking distance of the chemist and if push came to shove you could park in the doctors surgery area.

Once the bus pulls up to let people off/on, there is a build-up of traffic, which can go back past the memorial. What would happen if the emergency services wanted to get by? They would have to stop where they were and go inside to get people out to move cars. When is this going to be stopped? It's gone on for as many years as I can remember.

MRS BETTY HACKETT
Cheslyn Hay

If there were to be so, then I am sure the council/government coffers would be overflowing with cash!

One can only hope that before the council carry what they say they are going to do, and the law is enforced rigidly, no-one is either killed or seriously injured. Sadly, I suspect the latter is likely to be the earlier outcome.

K TINDILL
Cannock

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Reverse plastics process

ONE can only assume plastic and packaging materials are either of chemical or organic origin invented or created by someone.

So why can't the process be reversed by someone so as to create a material to fill holes in the leaking water supply network or road potholes instead of landfill holes (here or even abroad).

Maybe the idea has to be approved by services' fat cats or even government members which may affect earnings/wages/salaries/interest payments/investment returns/bonuses/redundancy pay/pensions, etc, if a possible solution may result in a problem solved, most probably voted out due to insubstantial circumstances.

PHILIP EVANS
Great Wyrley

Watching the meter can turn into an obsession

IN response to Liz Tomlinson, I agree with her views on the smart meter (Letters, August 2).

I have found that it has sent me quite obsessive, watching the cost on the readings, and seeing how much it has gone up by overnight, when I am using no appliances.

I have even turned off the electrical clock! My daughter pointed out that it is probably the fridge.

Now I have turned the meter to face the wall, so I do not get too stressed out over it.

PAULINE HARRISON
Cannock

New parties a possibility here

I WAS overjoyed at the YouGov poll showing 38 per cent would support a new populist party and 24 per cent would support a specific anti-immigration party. Populism and nationalism are rife in mainland Europe. Does no-one think it would come here, especially as the 'elite' have ignored the democratic will.

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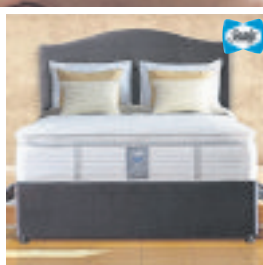
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Insight into training of guide dogs

Etching Hill WI

It was a sunny day for the members' visit to the Guide Dogs National Breeding Centre in Bishop's Tachbrook, Warwickshire. En route, they had free time for refreshments and shopping in Royal Leamington Spa.

The centre was funded by sponsors and donations and was officially opened in 2011 by its patron, HRH Princess Alexandra.

The centre's main objective is to increase the breeding numbers of Guide Dogs in order to help more visually impaired people.

Members were taken on a guided tour along glass fronted walkways which gave a bird's eye view of the puppies.

Together with informative videos, the guide provided an insight into how they select dogs for coupling using genetic technology. Assessments are made of the puppies at a very young age to determine whether they meet the criteria to become a Guide Dog. Some are chosen as future breeding dogs, never both.

It costs £50,000 per dog to train as a Guide Dog.

Members were invited to walk through a sensory tunnel where, with a blindfold, it was possible to experience the feeling of blindness.

At the end of the two-hour tour, refreshments with cake were made available. There was also the opportunity to purchase various gifts, cards and canine products, the proceeds of which went to the charity.

Flower power era relived at meeting



Pat Elwell, Peter Cadman, Sheila Yard, Bob Brevitt and Annette Bint

THE theme of the July luncheon, held at The Barns, was Let's Go To San Francisco.

Chairman Sheila Yard, welcomed everyone present with a special welcome to guests Margaret Lyons and Lilian Hyde. Mrs Yard also informed the gathering of the sad loss of Audrey Evans, a founder member and a past chairman of the club.

Annette Bint said Grace after which the ladies enjoyed an excellent luncheon. After the Loyal Toast a short business meeting took place. Mrs Yard introduced Peter Cadman and Bob Brevitt who were making a welcome return to entertain the ladies.

For their talk, both men were dressed in a Flower Power theme. They showed pictures from those days, and the music which was

Cannock Chase Ladies' Probuc Club

popular at the time. Peter also showed photographs of Alcatraz prison and told of its history. The afternoon ended with the ladies singing, with Peter and Bob, San Francisco (Be Sure To Wear Flowers in Your Hair).

Mrs Yard thanked everyone for attending and wished them a safe journey home. She also reminded members that the next meeting will be on August 29.

Membership enquiries to Norma Hutchinson on 01543 505183. New members are always made welcome.

Prospective members welcome

A VOLUNTARY ladies community group, Cannock WI, meets on the second Thursday of the month at 10.30am in St Luke's Church Hall.

Meetings will usually include a speaker or demonstrator. The WI provides

Cannock WI

educational opportunities, and the chance to try to develop new skills and crafts.

A link with Staffordshire Federation provides further

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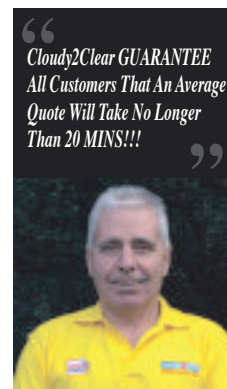
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23pc surge in call-outs for the air ambulance

THE Midlands Air Ambulance attended 23 per cent more missions in the last 12 months than in the previous year, as well as attending its 50,000th mission in March.

Trauma and accidental incidents rose overall, reaching 1,749 of which 736 were road crashes.

Vehicle collisions were up 20 per cent compared with 2016-17 and the increase in incidents has prompted a call for more support for the service which does not receive any government funding.

Stabbings and violent crime were also responsible for the rise in call-outs – accounting for almost seven per cent of missions throughout the year.

Motorcyclists and horse riders are among the most common victims in need of assistance from air ambulance crews.

Need

On average, the Midlands Air Ambulance, which is based at Cosford, now air-lifts a biker every three days, and a horse rider every four days.

And with call-outs rising by nearly a quarter, leaders say the need for the public's support is greater than ever.

Ian Roberts, air operations manager for Midlands Air Ambulance Charity, said: "It's clear from these statistics that the need for the support of the critical care paramedics and doctors on board our helicopters is higher than ever, which is why we are constantly looking to improve our operational and clinical services to ensure we can keep saving lives every day."

"The skilled aircrew, together with state-of-the-art equipment and helicopters, ensure a patient's chances of survival are vastly increased, but in order to stay operational we need to raise in excess of £9 million each year."

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The foundation funds will be awarded to projects chosen by Drayton Manor Park and the specialist

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These have included Cohort 4, which helps survivors of abusive relationships, the Baby Support Hub, which delivers weekly therapeutic arts and baby massage sessions, and Home-Start, a family support charity.

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Funding leads to new contracts



Andrew Hustwit, business development manager at BCRS Business Loans, with Robert Ward, director of Mech Tech

A COMPANY specialising in mechanical design and ventilation services has won new contracts after securing funding from the Staffordshire Business Loan Fund.

Mech Tech Midlands Ltd, based at Cannock Chase Enterprise Centre in Hednesford, secured a loan to help it win several new contracts from major companies such as HMRC and Rush Hair & Beauty.

The company was recommended to contact BCRS Business Loans, who deliver the Staffordshire Business Loan Fund in partnership with Staffordshire County Council.

Robert Ward, director of Mech Tech Midlands Ltd, said: "We required growth funding to be able to employ an additional six members of staff to work on the new contracts and also purchase new equipment and materials."

"We were established in 2015 and have gone from strength to strength."

The Staffordshire Business Loan Fund supports the growth of viable businesses across Staffordshire, offering loans from £10,000 up to £50,000 over a three-year term.

Crisis fear as monkey dust calls top 10 a day

A POLICE chief has warned of a potential public health crisis if an immediate approach to the drug monkey dust is not made.

Chief Supt Jeff Moore, of Staffordshire Police, has called for a concerted partnership response. First seen in the North in 2016, the drug is now putting pressure on police and health services in Stafford.

By Tom Oakley

Currently the force is receiving an average of 10 or more calls a day related to monkey dust, with 950 incidents responded to in the last three months alone.

When officers respond to an incident involving a user, they are facing people who are suffering extreme paranoia that causes them to be violent and agitated.

In some extreme cases, this has caused people to climb or jump from buildings or run into traffic.

Mr Moore said: "The drug is highly addictive and highly unpredictable, meaning emergency services can often struggle to provide the appropriate treatment to those under the influence. "Every user acts differently, displaying behaviour

that is volatile and dangerous to both the user and emergency services personnel responding. The level of resource required is often far greater than we have experienced before with some suffering the effects of use for several days.

"Working with our partners we must improve education and prevention efforts to stop people taking the drug in the first place, but we also need to identify more effective ways to treat those already under the influence."

"By starting this very public conversation we hope to work with partners to create a joined-up approach."

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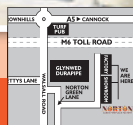
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Magistrate numbers decrease by a third

THE number of magistrates in the Black Country has plummeted by more than a third in three years – one of the steepest drops in the whole of England and Wales.

And Staffordshire has seen the number of magistrates fall by a quarter over the same period. Across the region there are 233 fewer magistrates than there were in 2015.

Budget cuts and recruitment problems are being blamed for the reduction.

Figures from the Courts and Tribunals Judiciary show that 259 magistrates are currently sitting in the Black Country compared with 411 three years ago.

In Staffordshire the number has fallen from 357 to 276 while nationally there has been a 25 per cent drop since 2015 – 20,000 to 15,000.

The Magistrates Association said it is increasingly hearing from its members that due to shortages magistrates are sitting in benches of two, rather than three, including during trials.

The figures have prompted warnings that the dwindling numbers could

By Peter Madeley

hinder the administration of justice, with magistrates increasingly sitting in benches of two rather than three.

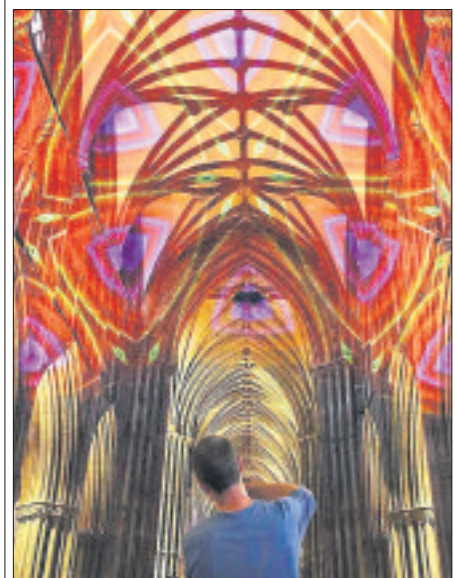
Jon Collins, chief executive of the Magistrates Association, said: "Three people will always be able to make better decisions."

Independent charity Transform Justice said two-person benches are a serious problem.

Charity director and former magistrate Penelope Gibbs said: "In these cases the bench is likely to be less diverse, and decisions not as fair."

"It's a principle of judgment by peers that magistrates should sit as three, so there can always be a majority."

Sound and light show a tribute to the fallen



Peter Walker has helped to create the Imagine Peace art installation at Lichfield Cathedral

LICHFIELD Cathedral is set to be transformed into an immersive sound and light show to mark the centenary of the end of the First World War. The latest art installation asks visitors to Imagine Peace this Armistice year.

For the sound and light show, there will be a peace woodland created from 1,918 trees saved from landfill and planted around the front of the cathedral.

Meanwhile, inside there will be a profound and reflective walk of art that takes the visitor on a journey through nature, 1960s flower power and new life.

It includes the projection of 16 million falling leaves – one for every life lost in the Great War – as it asks them to Imagine Peace this centenary year of the Armistice, and remember all those caught up in the conflict of war.

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Thousand people helped by Open Door scheme

A COUNCIL-RUN jobs programme helping people to get their foot on the career ladder has now supported more than 1,000 people.

Staffordshire County Council's Open Door programme helps prepare people for the world of work by offering them a 12-week work experience placement.

The programme, introduced 10 years ago, provides placements with external organisations and within county council departments depending on the person's preferred area of work.

The scheme can help graduates, people with disabilities, ex-offenders, children leaving care, and school leavers.

Rowena Clifford, aged 35, from Stafford is the 1,000th person to have benefited from the programme.

Skills

The mother-of-one approached the scheme looking for help to change career after being made redundant from her retail job. Rowena said: "I'm really glad I was able to join Open Door as this has really helped me find my new career while helping improve my quality of life as a mum."

"During my Open Door placement I did three weeks' work experience with the county council's Virtual School team, supporting families with looked after children. Shortly after my placement, and armed with lots of new skills and experience, I was interviewed for an administrative role at Stafford Borough Council and to my surprise I was offered the job."

Jamie Forsyth, 35, from Cannock works for Amey and Staffordshire County Council's Highways team. He said: "I really cannot praise the Open Door team enough for what they have helped me achieve. The words 'life



James Smith – 'after 10 weeks I was offered a full-time job'

changing' are often used too easily, but that's exactly what the scheme helped do for me.

"I found myself in the position where I couldn't even get a job interview despite applying for literally hundreds of roles. Open Door gave me the confidence to return to work and I managed to secure a job with Amey as an operational controller, which I am still doing and thoroughly enjoy."

Central England Co-op has operated the Open Door scheme in its Food Stores in Wildwood and Lichfield. James Smith and Harry Wainwright

both secured jobs at Lichfield Food Store and Paul Rogers at Wildwood Food Store, in Stafford.

James, 22, from Lichfield, works as a customer services assistant. He said: "Open Door helped me secure a 12-week placement at the Lichfield Food Store and I spent that time learning and working across several departments. After 10 weeks I was offered a full-time job."

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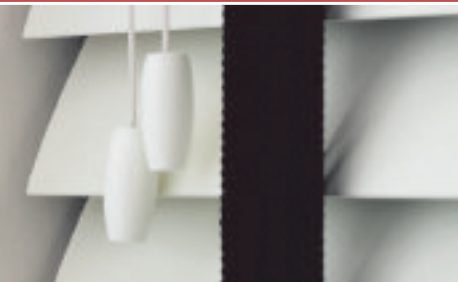
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14 Call to spend £40bn 'to make most of HS2'

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MORE than £40 billion should be spent on infrastructure 'to make the most' of HS2, the chairman of the National Infrastructure Commission says.

Sir John Armitt, former chief executive of Railtrack then Network Rail, said the sum – more than the original estimated cost of the line – was needed to prevent 'inadequate public transport links' for passengers.

HS2 will involve laying 330 miles of track linking London and the West Midlands, Manchester and Leeds at a cost of £56bn.

Sir John, writing in a national newspaper, said spending an extra £43bn on infrastructure was not an 'unaffordable pipe dream', but was the best way to 'make the most of all that HS2 will have to offer'.

The budget for HS2 is now at £55.7bn, which is up 71 per cent on the initial projection from 2010 of £32.7bn.

Last month sources suggested the cost of the line's main civil works could be more than £1bn over the allotted budget of £6.6bn.

Flying the flag in art tribute to heroes of First World War

MEMBERS of the public are being invited to contribute to an outdoor art installation at the National Memorial Arboretum, remembering those who fought in the First World War.

Flags For The Fallen follows a series of temporary art installations that marked the centenary of significant moments in the Great War, such as En Masse to mark the Battle of The Somme, and Heartfelt Messages, which commemorated the Battle of Passchendaele.

The creation of Flags For The Fallen has been overseen by Julie Edwards and Ron Thompson, of Planet Art, who were the creative force behind En Masse.

Armistice Day 2018 will mark 100



It is hoped that the flags map will attract contributions from all over the country

years since the end of the First World War, and Flags For The Fallen forms part of the Arboretum's programme of events for this significant occasion. Visitors can decorate a flag in tribute to a soldier who fell during the conflict, and each flag will be added to a giant map of the UK, Ireland and the Commonwealth countries, marking where they came from, to create

a growing memorial of those who served their country.

The flags will be clearly seen from the Armed Forces Memorial.

It is hoped that the map will attract contributions from people all over the country, representing every major town and city.

Aysha Afridi, head of heritage and learning at the site, said: "Following the previous success with En Masse as part of our Battle of the Somme programme, it is fantastic to be working with Julie and Ron again to create another special event to commemorate those who gave their lives in the First World War."

"We hope members of the public from across country will come together to commemorate the centenary of Armistice in this unique and artistic way, ensuring representation from all countries and regions."

Lots of mischief as 4,000 take up challenge

MORE than 4,000 children have signed up for Staffordshire libraries' Summer Reading Challenge.

Activities have been running at the county's libraries with this year's theme 'Mischief Makers', inspired by the children's comic Beano, which is celebrating its 80th anniversary.

The scheme invites four to 11-year-olds to borrow and read any six library books over the summer holidays.

Youngsters are exploring a map of Beanotown to find a hidden treasure chest full of pranks and become ultimate mischief makers.

As children read their books, they receive special stickers. By adding these stickers to their map, readers will help Dennis, Gnasher and friends solve clues and discover the treasure.

Councillor Gill Heath, libraries chief at Staffordshire County Council, said: "The Summer Reading Challenge is always a real hit with children and families over the holidays and it's great to see so many youngsters signing up." Visit www.staffordshire.gov.uk/libraries

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Ramblers visit canal restoration project



The 41 Group pause on the Heritage Towpath Trail with the restoration works in the background

RESTORATION of the canal at Fossey Heath provided a pleasant background to two walks organised and led by Jo Trodden of the Lichfield and District Ramblers.

Lichfield and Hatherton Canals Restoration Trust are creating a nature reserve and wetlands area at Fossey Heath, as well as digging out a new canal bed with a completely rebuilt wall and a Heritage Towpath Trail.

Twenty people took part in the first walk, arranged as part of the Lichfield Festival, and other ramblers acted as marshals.

The walk was so successful that John Rushton of the Aldridge 41 Club – members of the Rotary Club who 'retire' at this age – repeated the experience with members of the club.

Officers in TV spotlight

DETECTIVES from Staffordshire Police have featured in a BBC documentary about a modern slavery case.

Three people were jailed for their role in the nationwide nail-bar trafficking operation which was the focus of Thursday's episode of 'The Prosecutors.'

The programme followed prosecutors as they worked with police of-

ficers, including DI Clair Langley and DCI Paul Bentley, investigating offences involving Vietnamese teenagers forced to work without wages in nail bars across the country.

The criminals – including a man and a woman from Burton – were sentenced on January 2 following the first successful prosecution in the UK for exploitation and enforced child labour, under the 2015 Modern Slavery Act.

Detective Inspector Langley, who

led the operation for Staffordshire Police, said: "In this case, young and vulnerable women had been exploited for labour purposes purely for financial gain.

"This was the first successful prosecution for labour exploitation and trafficking for the purposes of labour exploitation under the Modern Slavery Act and we hope it sent out a clear message – we won't tolerate this activity," she added.



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Family aim to shine with venture in growing town



Linda and David Edwards with daughter Lucy Brownbill outside Hednesford Jewellers in Market Street

A FAMILY with more than half a century of experience in the jewellery trade have opened a shop in Hednesford.

Linda and David Edwards, along with daughter Lucy Brownbill, opened Hednesford Jewellers in Market Street after seeing how the town was 'growing'. David, aged 48, said: "We're local to Hednesford and I like the town.

There's more and more larger shops and it's growing. It's nice to be able to grow with the town.

"We could see how many houses and the infrastructure and we said it would be nice to have a jewellers in Hednesford." The couple also run Tamworth Jewellers, in George Street.

Linda, 51, said: "It was all of our idea for a family business in Hednesford. We're only five minutes from the

shop and it seemed the right place – Hednesford is up and coming.

"We wanted to give people some variety and anything that brings people into small towns is a bonus.

"We converted the shop from an old charity shop. One gentleman, Steve Long, helped us convert it.

"This one is purely for our children as they grow up and hopefully it will be there for many years to come."

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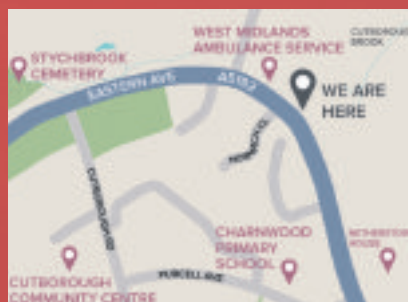
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Jon Penney with Rat on guitar



Ned's duo added to bill as Shiine moves venue

NED'S Atomic Dustbin bandmates Jon Penney and Rat will perform at Shiine On Festival in Birmingham.

The Stourbridge indie rockers will appear under the moniker Ned's Acoustic Dustbin at the one day event, which will now be hosted at the O2 Academy instead of the Genting Arena.

The duo join a line up of bands such as Orbital, Shed Seven, Embrace, Cast, and the Happy Mondays.

The event is also due to feature performances from Julian Cope, Reverend And The Makers, The Wedding present, A Certain Ratio, Glasvegas, and both members of Carter USM as Jim Bob plays solo and Les Fruitbat with his new project Abdoujaperov.

Also featuring on the bill is A Certain Ratio, Bentley Rhythm Ace, The Stairs, The Membranes, Thousand Yard Stare, Ivory Wave and Psyence. There will be DJ sets from BBC 6 Music's Steve Lamacq, Star Shaped, and Ocean Colour Scene's

Steve Cradock, as well as two after-show parties featuring Todd Terry, Marshall Jefferson and Jon Dasilva.

Shiine On Festival takes place at Birmingham's O2 Academy at Horse Fair on September 8.

The doors will open at 2pm and the festival ends at 4am, with live music from 3 to 11pm, after-show parties start at 11pm.

For more information visit www.shiineon.com/one-day-festival and the organisers have apologised for any inconvenience caused by the change of venue.

Comic Wayne joins Black Country Night Out crew

One of the longest running shows on the entertainment circuit, A Black Country Night Out, returns this autumn with the addition of a young comedian from Dudley.

Over the years it has starred some of the truly great local entertainers such as Aynuk & Ayli, Tommy Mundon, Dolly Allen and Giggetty.

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Most recently the show lost one of its most popular acts due to the death of veteran comedian Ian 'Sludge' Lees.

Ever the professional and despite illness 'Sludge' helped pick the comic to join the cast, one of the

Black Country's most popular comedians and MCs, Wayne Beese.

The heritage of the Black Country Night Out carries on with a show full of talented entertainers.

Show regulars Dandy, husband and wife duo Alan and Glyn, are back as are the band behind the Black Country Anthem, The Empty Can.

Alongside Wayne, new regular faces will include comic and former rock drummer Ollie Spencer, plus Joe Thomas singing the songs of 1940s favourite George Formby.

Tour dates include Wolverhampton Grand Theatre on September 11, Bromsgrove's Artrix on October 3, Kidderminster Rose Theatre October 11, Cannock Prince of Wales October 17 and Walsall Forest Arts Centre on November 1.



Dudley's Wayne Beese

There will be One Love for Marley man

The timeless reggae music of Bob Marley will be brought to life again when Mitchell Brunings brings Marley Reprised to Birmingham's New Alexandra Theatre on September 15 and 16.

Mitchell, who took on the leading role in Birmingham Rep's production of the Marley musical One Love last year and performed Marley Reprised 2017, is returning to Brum for a second year.

It will give fans a unique opportunity for a full evening of reggae legend Bob Marley's greatest hits, with Mitchell's soulful voice so very close to those rich Marley tones.

Due to sell out shows last year, two dates have been added for the 2018 return.

Surinam-born Brunings was catapulted into the limelight in August 2013 with his version of Marley's Redemption Son when he participated in The Voice Of Holland TV show. Nearly winning the competition as runner-up, Mitchell's YouTube videos kept him in the limelight and brought him into contact with the Marley family.

Toto recall as Rep seek a Wizard canine star

Birmingham Repertory Theatre are looking for a dog to play the role of Toto in their Christmas production of The Wizard of Oz.

Open auditions will be held at The Rep on Centenary Square on Saturday, August 25, from 10am to 5pm. The role Dorothy's canine companion is a pivotal one and The Rep is looking for a canine star to join the company. The show runs from November 24 to January 13.

The Rep is looking for two small dogs that have the enthusiasm and stamina to share the role over the seven-week run. No previous acting or stage experience is required, but good training and obedience will be. Directed by Liam Steel, this stage version of the legendary MGM musical features all the classic songs including Somewhere Over The Rainbow and If I Only Had A Brain.

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6.00 Breakfast. 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Nadiya's Family Favourites. (R) **12.00** Football Focus. **1.00** BBC News. Weather. **1.15** Athletics. Birmingham Grand Prix. Live coverage of the 12th round of the Diamond League season. **4.30** Final Score. **5.15** Wedding Day Winners.

6.15 Wallace & Gromit: A Grand Day Out. The duo embark on their first adventure, taking a trip to the moon when their cheese supplies run out. Bafra-winning animation, with the voice of Peter Sallis. (R)

6.40 BBC News.

6.50 Regional Programme.

7.00 Impossible Celebrities. New series. Star-studded version of the quiz in which contestants compete for the chance to win £10,000, with a single 'impossible' answer knocking them out. Rick Edwards hosts.

7.50 Pointless Celebrities. Alexander Armstrong quizzes eight writers – John O'Farrell, Emma Kennedy, Kathy Lette, Kate Mosse, Benjamin Zephaniah, Roger McGough, Terry Deary and Bryn Gordon. (R)

8.40 Casualty. The fall-out from the recent tragedy affects the whole department, and Iain confesses to Jan that he could have prevented it from happening but did not. His tormented conscience is pricked further by an encounter with an internet prankster who has had a similar experience of failing to avert a disaster. Dylan is reunited with Clara, who is struggling to control both her own alcoholism and that of a friend whom she has persuaded to go cold turkey, resulting in a potentially dangerous shock to her system.

9.30 Mrs Brown's Boys. Agnes tries to persuade the health visitor Grandad is in need of respite care – so she can go on holiday – and receives ominous news from beyond the grave from her late husband. (R)

10.00 BBC News. Weather; National Lottery Update.

10.20 Match of the Day. Gary Lineker presents highlights from the Premier League.

11.45 The Rugby Codebreakers. Carolyn Hill presents a look at the Welsh rugby players during the 100-year amateur era.

12.45 Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.50** BBC News.

BBC2

6.35 Marrying Mum and Dad. **7.05** Officially Amazing Goes Bunkers. (R) **7.35** The Dingeniers. **8.05** Deadly Dinosaurs with Steve Backshall. **8.35** David Attenborough's Natural Curiosities. **8.55** Nature's Miracle Babies. (R) **10.00** Natural World. **11.00** Miniature Britain. (R) **12.00** Nigel Slater: Eating Together. (R) **12.30** Great British Menu. (R) **1.00** Great British Menu. (R) **1.30** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **2.30** Garden Rescue. (R) **3.15** Escape to the Country. (R) **4.00** Flog It! (R) **4.50** Inventing the Impossible: The Big Life Fix. (R) **5.50** Reinventing the Royals. (R)

6.50 Proms Extra. Katie Derham is joined by David Owen Norris and Lauren Zhang, who performs at the end of the show. Featuring a discussion of famous pieces by Grieg, Ravel and Debussy.

7.30 Dad's Army. Pike borrows Mainwaring's new staff car to take his girlfriend to the cinema – but it breaks down, leaving the lovebirds stranded in the middle of nowhere. (R)

8.00 Blitz: The Bombs That Changed Britain. The story of a bomb that fell on Jellicoe Street in Clydebank, West Dunbartonshire, a community of ship builders and factory workers who worked in difficult conditions. (R)

9.00 QI XL. Sandi Toksvig invites Aisling Bea, Corey Taylor and Ross Noble and Alan Davies to answer questions associated with noise and noisy in an extended edition of the comedy panel game. (R)

9.45 The Boy with the Topknot. Born to traditional Punjabi parents and growing up in Wolverhampton, Sathnam Sanghera moves to London after graduating from Cambridge University and builds a career as a journalist. He tries to gather the courage to introduce his English girlfriend Laura to his mother and father and reveal he will not be entering an arranged marriage – but instead learns a painful family secret. Drama based on the memoirs of Sathnam Sanghera, starring Sacha Dhawan and Anupam Kher. (R)

11.15 Film: West Is West. (2010) A traditionally minded Muslim father in 1970s Salford takes his reluctant youngest son to Pakistan so he can reconnect with his roots. Comedy sequel, with Om Puri.

12.50 Picnic at Hanging Rock. (R) **1.40** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Sooty. **6.10** Make It Pop. (R) **6.35** Dino Dana. (R) **6.50** Mission Employable. (R) **6.55** The Oddbods Show. (R) **7.05** NinjaGo: Possession. (R) **7.30** ToonMarty. (R) **7.40** ToonMarty. (R) **7.55** Drop Dead Weird. **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Zoe Ball On Saturday. **9.25** James Martin's Saturday Morning. (R) **11.20** James Martin's American Adventure. (R) **11.50** Eat, Shop, Save. (R) **12.20** Love Your Garden. (R) **1.20** £10k Holiday Home. (R) **1.55** ITV News: Weather. **2.10** The Chase. (R) **3.15** Film: The Scorpion King. (2002) Fantasy action adventure, starring Dwayne Johnson. **5.00** WOS Wrestling. **6.00** ITV News: Weather.

6.15 Regional Programme: Weather.

6.30 Japandemonium. A review of the best Japanese TV, showcasing some of the maddest and funniest moments ever broadcast, including Lo-Rider Hot Noodle Rodeo, and the infamous slippery stairs and dizzy lift ball catch games.

7.00 Big Star's Little Star. Stephen Mulhern hosts the entertainment show in which the children of Ken Bruce, Faye Tozer and Jodie Kidd spill the beans about their famous parents, talking about their home lives, making heart-warming revelations or telling downright embarrassing stories. The contestants are all hoping to win as much money as possible for their chosen charities.

8.00 Film: The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers. (2002) Frodo and Sam continue their quest to destroy the all-powerful ring, bringing them face to face with the magical artefact's twisted former owner Gollum. Meanwhile, their allies prepare to make a desperate last stand against the vast armies of the corrupted wizard Saruman, who has declared war on a neighbouring kingdom. Part two of Peter Jackson's fantasy adventure trilogy, starring Elijah Wood, Sean Astin, Viggo Mortensen, Ian McKellen, Billy Boyd, Dominic Monaghan, Andy Serkis and Christopher Lee.

11.20 ITV News: Weather.

11.35 Play to the Whistle. Holly Willoughby hosts the sports-based comedy panel show. Last in the series. (R)

12.20 WOS Wrestling. (R) **1.10** Jackpot247. **3.00** Eternal Glory. (R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.05 Trail Running: Tenerife Bluetrail. **6.35** The King of Queens. (R) **7.25** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.20** Frasier. (R) **8.50** Frasier. (R) **9.20** Frasier. (R) **9.55** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.50** The Simpsons. (R) **11.20** The Simpsons. (R) **11.55** Come Dine with Me. (R) **12.55** Four in a Bed. (R) **1.25** Four in a Bed. (R) **2.00** Four in a Bed. (R) **2.30** Four in a Bed. (R) **3.00** Four in a Bed. (R) **3.30** A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun. (R) **4.30** The People's Vet. **5.35** Escape to the Chateau: DIY. (R)

6.30 Channel 4 News.

7.00 A Year in the New Forest. An unexpected heatwave leaves the forest facing its hottest ever summer in decades, leading to an invasion of flies and other insects. While many animals, including ponies, cattle and deer fawns, struggle to cope with the intense heat, it proves a blessing for others – not least the forest's many species of rare butterflies. As the pace of life slows, the human residents are given a welcome opportunity to reflect on what makes the unique area so special and fragile. Last in the series.

8.00 Saving Planet Earth: Fixing a Hole. As climate change begins to feel like an impossible challenge, this documentary tells the story of the first man-made threat to the planet's environment – the hole in the ozone layer – and how the world managed to fix it. The scientists and politicians at the heart of the story reveal how they spotted the giant hole in the stratosphere and, against all odds, persuaded Ronald Reagan and Margaret Thatcher to take action.

9.00 Film: Terminator Genisys. (2015) A soldier fighting in a post-apocalyptic war against living machines is sent back in time to prevent an attempt to change the past – but when he arrives, he finds that history has been changed beyond recognition – and that a plot is being hatched by an unexpected enemy to destroy the future of the human race. Sci-fi adventure sequel, starring Arnold Schwarzenegger.

11.25 Film: Sin City: A Dame to Kill For. (2014) Crime thriller sequel based on the comic-book series, starring Eva Green and Mickey Rourke.

1.20 The Last Leg. (R) **2.15** The Crystal Maze. (R) **3.10** Hollyoaks. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. **10.35** Access. **10.40** Police Interceptors. (R) **11.25** Police Interceptors. (R) **12.00** Police Interceptors. (R) **1.20** Police Interceptors. (R) **2.20** Nightmare Tenants. Slum Landlords. (R) **3.15** Bad Tenants. Rogue Landlords. (R) **4.15** Rich House, Poor House. (R) **5.15** Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away! (R)

6.10 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away! The officers try to recover £13,000 owed by a high-performance car dealer in Birmingham, and in Wolverhampton the agents chase nearly £2,000 owed to a car hire company. (R)

7.00 Cricket on 5. England v India. Highlights from the opening day of the Third Test, which takes place at Trent Bridge, as the five-match series continues. With commentary by Michael Vaughan, Mark Nicholas, Alison Mitchell, Sourav Ganguly, Ebony Rainford-Brent and Charles Dagnall.

7.55 5 News Weekend.

8.00 Blind Date. Paul O'Grady is joined in the studio by a fellow dog lover, who has brought his four-legged friend with him to help choose between three mysterious women – all of whom have pets of their own on hand. Contestants from Guildford and Derby also go looking for love, and last week's couples return to reveal how their dates went. Last in the series.

9.00 Gino's Win Your Wish List. Gino D'Acampo hosts the game show in which a family from Cardiff compete to win a holiday in Vietnam, as well as assorted other prizes, including a trip to a yoga retreat in Ibiza and a home makeover. To win they must perform some magic, and play rounds of Stacks and Belt Up.

10.00 Celebrity Big Brother. Highlights of the housemates' first full day at the mercy of Big Brother, where it remains to be seen who is playing up for the benefit of the viewing public.

11.05 Best of Bad TV: Most Shocking Ever. A romp through the most inappropriate, outrageous, ill-conceived and downright cringe-inducing moments that made it to air, featuring contributions from some of those involved. (R)

12.00 SuperCasino. **3.10** Britain's Parking Hell. (R) **4.00** Britain by Bike with Larry & George Lamb. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four

7.00 Wild Ireland: The Edge of the World **8.00** Natural World Special: Attenborough's Ark **9.00** Cardinal: Blackly Season **10.25** Country Kings at the BBC **11.25** Top of the Pops: 1966 **11.55** There's Only One Madonna **12.50** Acoustic at the BBC **1.50** Wild Ireland: The Edge of the World **2.50** Natural World Special: Attenborough's Ark **3.50** Close

ITV2

11.55 Catchphrase **12.40** You've Been Framed! Gold **1.45** Film: The Flintstones (1994) **2.50** FYI Daily **2.55** Film: The Flintstones (1994) **3.50** Film: Ella Enchanted (2004) **4.30** FYI Daily **4.35** Film: Ella Enchanted (2004) **5.25** Film: Star Wars: Episode IV – A New Hope (1977) **6.25** FYI Daily **6.30** Film: Star Wars: Episode IV – A New Hope (1977) **8.00** Film: Robin Hood (2010) **9.00** FYI Daily **9.05** Film: Robin Hood (2010) **10.45** Family Guy **11.45** American Dad! **12.40** The Cleveland Show **1.10** Film: What If (2013) **2.10** FYI Daily **2.15** Film: What If (2013) **3.00** Teleshopping

ITV3

2.50 Film: Carry On Cowboy (1966) **4.50** Agatha Christie's Poirot **7.00** Midsomer Murders **9.00** Endeavour **11.00** Vera **1.00** On the Buses **2.00** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

ITV4

12.00 Pawn Stars **1.30** ITV Racing: Live from Newbury. Coverage of the day's racing from Newbury. Ripon and Newmarket. **4.00** Film: Kelly's Heroes (1970) **5.00** FYI Daily **5.05** Film: Kelly's Heroes (1970) **7.00** World Series of Darts: Brisbane **11.00** Better Late Than Never **11.55** River Monsters **12.55** Minder **2.55** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping

E4

11.30 Film: Dr Dolittle 2 (2001) **1.05** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **2.10** The Big Bang Theory **6.40** Film: Iron Man 2 (2010) **9.00** Film: The Inbetweeners 2 (2014) **11.00** The Inbetweeners **12.05** Gogglebox **2.15** Rude Tube **3.05** The Inbetweeners **4.00** Rude Tube **4.30** Rude(ish) Tube **4.50** How I Met Your Mother

Film4

11.00 Miracle on 34th Street (1947) **1.00** Cheaper By the Dozen (2003) **2.55** How to Train Your Dragon (2010) **4.45** Fantastic Four (2005) **6.50** Night at the Museum (2006) **9.00** The Heat (2013) **11.20** Kick-Ass 2 (2013) **1.25** Bram Stoker's Dracula (1992) **4.00** Close

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CHOICE



Martin Kemp

Eight Go Rallying: The Road to Saigon (BBC2, 9pm)

New series. Four teams of celebrities get behind the wheel of classic cars to compete in the Endurance Rally Association's Road to Saigon event, beginning in Northern Thailand and travelling 3000km through Cambodia and Vietnam. The teams consist of Noel Edmonds and his wife Liz in a MGB GT, married couple Martin and Shirley Kemp in a 1972 Mini, mother and daughter Andi and Miquita Oliver in a 1959 Morris Minor, and friends Tinchy Stryder and Jordan Stephens in a Hillman Imp.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **9.00** Match of the Day. (R) **10.25** Sunday Morning Live. **11.25** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **12.00** Animals Behaving Badly. (R) **1.00** BBC News: Weather. **1.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.45** Songs of Praise. **2.20** Fake or Fortune? (R) **3.20** Eat Well for Less? (R) **4.20** Pointless Celebrities. (R) **5.05** Film: Swallows and Amazons. (2016) Premiere. Drama, starring Rafe Spall.

6.35 BBC News.**6.35 Regional Programme.**

7.00 **Countryfile Live.** This year's event comes from Blenheim Palace, where Matt Baker tries his hand at scurry racing and Ellie Harrison meets a taxidermist who does not use real animals in his art. Steve Brown goes backstage at the British charity awards, John Craven and his pet dachshund learn about Churchill's love of dogs, and Tom Heap explores the impact of plastic on the environment. Plus, Anja Rani meets the winners of the Young Presenter Talent Search. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.

8.00 **Antiques Roadshow.** The roving team values more decorative objects and rarities belonging to the public.

9.00 **Fake or Fortune?** Fiona Bruce and Philip Mould must prove that a sketchbook is the work of a young Toulouse Lautrec, overturning a decision made by a committee of experts on the artist. The drawings in the book are of a very different subject matter to Lautrec's famous works, and are dated to when he was a teenager – a period of his life that is largely a mystery. To get to the truth, Fiona and Philip travel to the town in the south of France where Lautrec grew up and visit the grand family home where he spent much of his youth.

10.00 BBC News.**10.20 Regional Programme.**

10.30 **Match of the Day 2.** Mark Chapman introduces highlights of Brighton & Hove Albion v Manchester United at the Amex Stadium and Manchester City v Huddersfield Town at the Etihad Stadium.

11.30 **Supermarket Shopping Secrets.** Gregg Wallace goes behind the scenes with Britain's biggest food retailers. (R)

12.30 Weather for the Week Ahead.

12.35 BBC News.

BBC2

6.20 Coast. (R) **6.50** A to Z of TV Gardening. (R) **7.35** Gardeners' World. (R) **8.35** Countryfile. (R) **9.30** The Beechgrove Garden. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.30** Great British Menu. (R) **12.00** Great British Menu. (R) **12.30** Great British Menu. (R) **1.00** Hairy Bikers' Best of British. (R) **2.00** Sailing: World Championships Highlights. **3.00** Motorsport: Ulster GP Highlights. **4.00** Seven Wonders of the Commonwealth. (R) **5.00** Tribes, Predators & Me. (R)

6.00 **Fighting for Air.** Dr Xand van Tulleken conducts the first ever large-scale experiment using people to try and bring about a quantifiable improvement in air quality for a single day. (R)

7.00 **Inside the Factory.** Gregg Wallace and Cherry Healey visit factories to find out how household staples are made and Ruth Goodman examines their history. (R)

8.00 **Dragons' Den.** Deborah Meaden, Peter Jones, Touker Suleyman, Tej Laviyani and Jenny Campbell assess plans for African coffee ceremonies, colourful wetsuits, fake tan and alternative energy.

9.00 **Eight Go Rallying: The Road to Saigon.** New series. Four teams of celebrities compete in the Endurance Rally Association's Road to Saigon event, travelling 3000km through Thailand, Cambodia and Vietnam.

10.00 **Supercar, Superfam.** New series. Documentary series following two brothers from a British-Pakistani family who own a workshop customising and revamping some of the world's most powerful sports cars.

10.30 **Man Like Mobeen.** Sitcom about a reformed drug dealer trying to look after his younger sister. Mobeen faces a moral quandary after an unexpected visit from the armed police. (R)

10.50 **Man Like Mobeen.** Aks is suspended from school for fighting, and Mobeen's uncles urge him to consider an arranged marriage to provide the girl with a female role model. (R)

11.15 **Film: Just Jim.** (2015) Premiere. A lonely Welsh teenager befriends his mysterious American neighbour, who gives him some lessons in how to be cool. Comedy drama, starring Emile Hirsch.

12.35 Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) **1.30** Holby City. (R) **2.30** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

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6.00 **ITV News: Weather.****6.15** **Regional Programme: Weather.**

6.25 **Film: The Amazing Spider-Man 2.** (2014) The webslinging hero battles a powerful new enemy when a downtrodden engineer develops lethal electrical powers, which he unleashes on those he believes have betrayed him. As if that wasn't enough to keep him busy, he faces an even greater threat when he is reunited with an unstable old friend who has been charged with a sinister mission by his dying father, leading to a series of tense confrontations that threaten to change his life for ever. Superhero adventure sequel, starring Andrew Garfield, Emma Stone and Dane DeHaan.

9.00 **Unforgotten.** The team discovers a number of items that appear to belong to Hayley in Tim's house, providing the damning evidence needed to convict him of her murder. He tries to protest his innocence, claiming he bought them for his daughters at a fete. His story seems to be backed up when Jessica and her mother reveal that none of the items found belong to Hayley, leaving the investigation back at square one. Meanwhile, a new discovery has a shocking impact on the detectives, but proves especially devastating for Cassie. Last in the series.

10.05 **ITV News: Weather.**

10.20 **easyJet: Inside the Cockpit.** In Paris, newly qualified pilot Ryan Clyde faces the prospect of conducting his first night landing, while back in the UK. (R)

11.15 **Tonight at the London Palladium.** The variety show from the West End theatre continues. (R)

12.10 Jackpot247. **3.00** Motorsport UK. (R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.10 Motor Sport: Caterham. **6.40** Motor Sport: Mini Challenge. **7.05** Motor Sport: FIA World Rallycross Championship. **8.00** Frasier. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** The Simpsons. (R) **12.55** The Simpsons. (R) **1.25** Peng Life. (R) **1.55** Location, Location, Location. (R) **2.55** A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun. (R) **3.25** Homes by the Sea. (R) **4.30** Film: The Devil Wears Prada. (2006) Comedy drama, starring Meryl Streep.

6.30 **Channel 4 News.**

7.00 **Flying Across Britain with Arthur Williams.** Arthur flies across Scotland, making for the coastline of Argyll and Bute. Along the way, he gets a lesson in the challenges of flying over the Highlands, boards a seaplane for a trip to Loch Lomond, visits one of the world's most celebrated tiny airfields, and goes in search of the wreckage of aircraft from the Second World War in Oban.

8.00 **Hidden Britain by Drone.** Tony Robinson sends aerial cameras into Britain's largest cave system and explores the secret beehives set up on the roof of Fortnum & Mason in the heart of London, providing customers with a constant supply of fresh honey. Plus, a visit to a recycling plant where aeroplanes are broken up.

9.00 **Film: Bridge of Spies.** (2015) Premiere. A lawyer in 1950s New York is hired to represent a Soviet spy in a showcase trial designed to demonstrate the fairness of the US justice system. In the face of public condemnation, he argues against the death penalty, a stance that years later leads to his involvement in an exchange of prisoners in East Germany. Steven Spielberg's fact-based Cold War drama, starring Tom Hanks and an Oscar-winning Mark Rylance.

11.45 **First Dates.** A 90-year-old visits the restaurant and hopes a ballroom dancing enthusiast is the woman for him, and a former brickie wonders if a glamorous PA will be his Ms Right. (R)

12.45 **Film: Still Alice.** (2014) Drama, starring Julianne Moore. **2.30** Building the Dream. A traditional Scottish cottage in the Firth of Forth. (R) **3.25** Phil Spencer: Secret Agent. Phil Spencer helps a beautiful living with six dogs. (R) **4.40** Lost and Found. (R) **5.15** The Posh Frock Shop. (R) **5.40** Kirstie's Handmade Treasures. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Little Princess. **6.10** Wissper. (R) **6.20** Poppy Cat. (R) **6.30** Milkshake! Monkey. (R) **6.35** The Secret Life of Purpys. (R) **6.40** Seaside Antics. (R) **6.45** City the Little White Van. (R) **6.50** Simon. (R) **7.00** Peppa Pig. (R) **7.05** Paw Patrol. (R) **7.15** Thomas & Friends: Thrills and Spills. (R) **7.30** Fireman Sam. (R) **7.45** Rusty Rovers. **8.00** Paw Patrol. (R) **8.15** Pirata & Capitano. **8.30** Noddy: Toyland Detective. (R) **8.50** Flogals. (R) **9.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.10** Shimmer and Shine. (R) **9.30** Digby Dragon. (R) **9.45** Peppa Pig. (R) **9.55** Peppa Pig. (R) **10.00** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.35** Holidays Make You Laugh Out Loud. (R) **11.20** Police Interceptors. (R) **12.15** Police Interceptors. (R) **1.10** Police Interceptors. (R) **2.10** Police Interceptors. (R) **3.10** Police Interceptors. (R) **4.10** Film: Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest. (2006) Swashbuckling adventure sequel, starring Johnny Depp. **5.10** 5 News Update. **5.15** Film: Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest. (2006) Concluded.

7.00 **Cricknet on 5.** England v India.

7.55 **5 News Weekend.**

8.00 **Greatest Ever Celebrity Wind Ups.** Joe Pasquale narrates a special documentary celebrating some of the greatest pranks celebrities have managed to play on each other. Highlights include Ant and Dec setting up Simon Cowell in a classic Saturday Night Takeaway moment he would probably rather forget, and Eurovision winner Cheryl Baker falling victim to one of Noel Edmonds' 'Gothica' tricks. Ben Hanlin talks viewers through an elaborate hoax he pulled on former King of the Jungle Joe Swash, and more practical jokes come courtesy of Freddie Flintoff, Little Mix, and Game of Thrones' pint-sized trickster Maisie Williams. (R)

9.00 **Celebrity Big Brother.** The ups and downs of life in the BB house.

10.00 **Film: Straight Outta Compton.** (2015) Premiere. Biopic of hip hop group N.W.A. Starring Ice Cube, Cuba Gooding Jr and Corey Hawkins.

11.05 **Access.**

11.10 **Film: Straight Outta Compton.** (2015) Concluded.

1.00 SuperCasino. **3.10** GPs: Behind Closed Doors. (R) **4.00** My Mum's Hotter Than Me! (R) **4.45** House Doctor. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four
7.00 Eisteddfod 2018 with Jason Mohammad **7.30** Bute: The Scot Who Spent a Welsh Fortune **8.30** BBC Proms 2018 **10.30** Timeshift: Dial 'B' for Britain: The Story of the Landline **11.30** Ovid: The Poet and the Emperor **12.30** Jerusalem: The Making of a Holy City **1.30** Sounds of the 70s **2.00** Arena: American Epic **3.00** Bute: The Scot Who Spent a Welsh Fortune **4.00** Close

ITV2

11.25 **Ninja Warrior UK** **12.25** You've Been Framed! Gold **1.30** Film: Spy Kids (2001) **2.30** FYI Daily **2.35** Film: Spy Kids (2001) **3.20** Film: The Smurfs 2 (2013) **4.20** FYI Daily **4.25** Film: The Smurfs 2 (2013) **5.25** Film: Star Wars: Episode V – The Empire Strikes Back (1980) **6.25** FYI Daily **6.30** Film: Star Wars: Episode V – The Empire Strikes Back (1980) **8.00** Film: Spectre (2015) **9.00** FYI Daily **9.05** Film: Spectre (2015) **10.50** Family Guy: 12.15 American Dad! **1.15** Ghosted **1.40** Totally Bop! Guinness World Records **2.20** Teleshopping **5.50** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3

1.55 Rosemary & Thyme **3.55** Victoria **6.00** Lewis **8.00** Agatha Christie's Marple **10.00** Midsomer Murders **12.00** Wire in the Blood **1.45** Blue Murder **3.25** Road to Avonlea **5.05** Judge Judy **5.30** ITV3 Nightscreen

ITV4

11.20 **FYI Daily** **11.25** Film: Cristiano Ronaldo: The World at His Feet (2014) **12.25** Mr. Bean **1.30** Film: Kelly's Heroes (1970) **2.30** FYI Daily **2.35** Film: Kelly's Heroes (1970) **4.20** Film: The Sting (1973) **5.20** FYI Daily **5.25** Film: The Sting (1973) **7.00** World Series of Darts: Brisbane **11.00** Film: The Missouri Breaks (1976) **12.05** FYI Daily **12.10** Film: The Missouri Breaks (1976) **1.40** Mr. Bean **2.30** Barcelona's European Glory **2.40** ITV4 Nightscreen

E4

1.30 Film: Volcano (1997) **3.35** Rude (sh) Tube Shorts **3.50** The Big Bang Theory **6.45** Film: Super 8 (2011) **9.00** Krypton **10.00** Fear the Walking Dead **11.00** Gogglebox **12.05** The Big Bang Theory **1.00** Krypton **1.55** Fear the Walking Dead **2.45** Rude Tube **Film4**
11.00 Porco Rosso (1992) **1.00** Endless Love (2014) **3.05** Carry On Cabby (1963) **4.55** Fantastic Four: Rise of the Silver Surfer (2007) **6.40** Cowboys & Aliens (2011) **9.00** Ted 2 (2015) **11.15** Cheap Thrills (2013) **12.55** The Wind Rises (2013) **3.35** Close

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A new life

When former specialist nurse Sheila Haycock finally found a solution for her failing teeth she quite literally received a prescription for a new life . . . and so did her husband, Dave.

Emotionally broken by a catalogue of dental disasters, for a whole year she suffered pain every day and her confidence plummeted. "Each day was a nightmare.

"Every day I'd have a new ulcer in my mouth. I couldn't eat properly, stopped going out and couldn't face looking at myself in a mirror – in fact, I'd cover them up.

"I'd speak and laugh with my hand in front of my mouth, avoid having my picture taken and couldn't chew properly – if I did go out, I'd always have to order lasagne because it was soft food," she recalls.

Terrified of dentist

Sheila's problems began when her natural teeth became mobile and braved her worst fears, having a full clearance to make way for an upper and lower denture.

Terrified of the dentist, she adds: "I thought it was impossible for things to get worse, but nothing could have prepared me for the next 12 months. The first time I took my teeth out and looked in the mirror, psychologically, I was beside myself.



Sheila and Dave Haycock - a new outlook on life

"I'd been so preoccupied with mastering my fear of the dentist, I hadn't worked through the impact of losing my teeth would have on me. It was devastating."

Initially, Dave confesses to "not being that helpful," explaining her native teeth "needed to go and to deal with it."

"I know, I told him," says Sheila, "but they were mine!"

Even the loss of a single tooth is now clinically recognised as a potential precursor for a mourning process.

Adds Dave: "She was upset and I felt utterly helpless. The guilt of it all . . .

I wanted to help, but couldn't. I could eat what ever I wanted, but she couldn't and every day – every day – there was a new problem to address."

Retired nurse Sheila got a new smile after a year of dental misery, husband Dave admits he too is now enjoying the life changes it's brought about.

Predictably reassuring

My experience with Steven and his team was the best. Getting the implants really is money well spent.

- Roy Phillpott

Steven's professionalism gave me the confidence and assurance that they could resolve my problem.

- Norma Aston

When I first saw my teeth I thought they looked just like my real teeth.

- Vicki Ball

Sheila, who specialised in wound dressings, admits she felt trapped, having been assured her jawbone density would be too poor to support implants.

"My dentures seemed to be rotating and rolling around and I hated the denture glue. I'd use it and as soon as I'd try to eat something, within 15 minutes my teeth would be unstable again. I was mortified having to use

it over and over again. I was not coping."

Taking advice from her daughter, who had received a recommendation from a work colleague that North Street Dental and Implant Clinic could help, Sheila headed for Dudley.

"Within 15 minutes of walking in to the surgery Steven [practice principal Steven Burchell DipCDT RCS(Eng)] was helping me," she says.

As a temporary measure, an oral impression was taken and her painful dentures lined with a soft material that would help ease the discomfort and improve fit.

'Own teeth'

Sheila was prescribed a traditional top prosthetic and a lower over-denture, retained on two implants. The surgery was carried out under sedation by North Street's clinical lead, Owain Rees BDS DGD(UK) Dip Imp Dent (UCL) GDC61576.

"All I can say is that it has completely changed my life. There's nothing I can't eat and the implant prosthetic doesn't feel false. It's comparable for me to my own teeth. When I first saw my new teeth in the mirror, I thought who's this person? They looked natural, just like real teeth," says Sheila.

Dave, a former civil engineer, adds: "She's completely different. It's been life-changing for me too and we can now get on with our retirement."

Both keen gardeners, they agree the financial investment is in a quality life choice. "It's the best thing she's ever had done," adds Dave.

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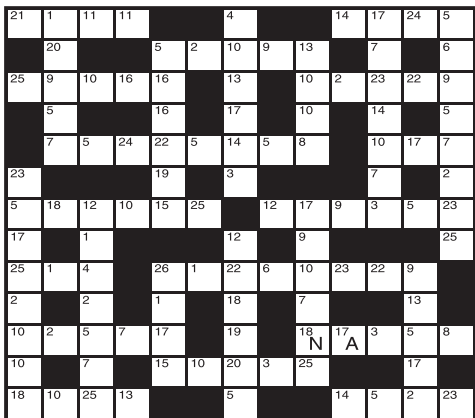
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BRAIN GYM

No.493

Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

1	U	T	Z	F	C	X	D	N	K	V	R	E	Y
14	S	G	P	A	I	B	W	J	L	H	M	O	Q

Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues – both fit the same grid.

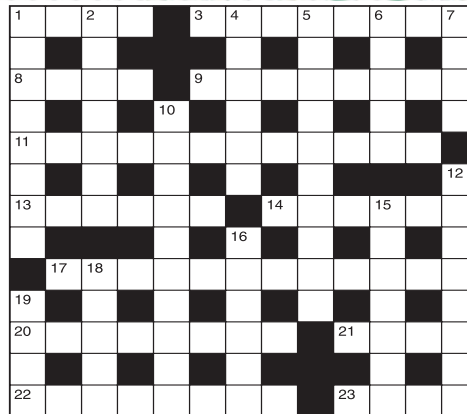
Cryptic Clues:

Across

- A good song? (4)
- Possibly greets an N.C.O. (8)
- A convict returning for a festive occasion (4)
- In a convent it gives preferential treatment (8)
- Service providing overhead savings for those in deep water (3,3,6)
- A fair fighter? (6)
- Sets out an increase in salary, we hear (6)
- In sound condition, though possibly highly strung (3,2,1,6)
- Ugly in an awkward way (8)
- One has a lot of fun with it! (4)
- Set off for school in time (8)
- A worker's cards? (4)

Down

- Celebrated form of mahogany (8)
- Fever may produce first-class alarm (7)
- Of which Shakespeare wrote a comedy (6)
- A healthy breed of rolling stock (5,5)
- What one says when taking French leave? (5)
- Trifles – child's play really (4)
- Road notice, perhaps, a job for a painter (10)
- A desert's transformation vindicated (8)
- Literary supplements? (7)
- One way take battle formation (6)
- Used in transporting other metals besides gold (5)
- A pound of tobacco? (4)



Quick Clues:

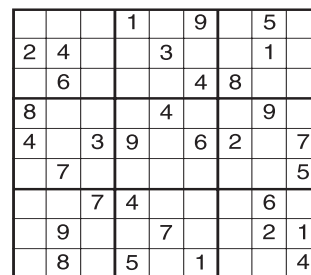
Across

- Mediocre (2-2)
- Ship's cargo list (8)
- Park (4)
- Talk (8)
- Characteristic (12)
- Anchorite (6)
- Peril (6)
- Loyalty (12)
- Schoolmasterly (8)
- Stupefy (4)
- Reduced (8)
- Kind (4)

Down

- Unswerving (8)
- Warrior (7)
- Quantity (6)
- Uniform (10)
- Merits (5)
- Row (4)
- Aid (10)
- Dignity (8)
- Immensely (7)
- Station (6)
- Sum (3,2)
- Hurried (4)

Sudoku



Fill in the grid above so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

3	5	9	6	7	2	1	4	8
6	8	4	5	9	1	3	2	7
2	1	7	4	8	3	6	5	9
7	9	2	3	1	5	4	8	6
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5	3	1	8	4	6	7	9	2
9	4	5	2	6	7	8	1	3
8	2	6	1	3	4	9	7	5
1	7	3	9	5	8	2	6	4

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Obsolescent; 9 Aramaic; 10 Blame; 11 Easel; 12 Precede; 13 Hoarse; 15 Grotto; 18 Learner; 20 Realm; 22 Frost; 23 Toughen; 24 Head the list. Down: 2 Beans; 3 Oracles; 4 Escape; 5 Cable; 6 Nearest; 7 Take the lift; 8 Development; 14 A la mode; 16 Rorqual; 17 Crutch; 19 Noted; 21 Ashes. QUICK - Across: 1 Dead certain; 9 Egotist; 10 Lever; 11 Over; 12 Caption; 13 Steady; 15 Revert; 18 Regalia; 20 Totem; 22 Track; 23 Contain; 24 Bernard Shaw. Down: 2 Erode; 3 Drifted; 4 Entice; 5 Tulip; 6 Invoice; 7 Demonstrate; 8 Bring to mind; 14 Engrave; 16 Extends; 17 Lancer; 19 Liken; 21 Tiara.

Quiz

- Who played the title role in the 1995 film Batman Forever?
- Which European peninsula is named after the Turkish for 'mountains'?
- Which English philosopher was made a citizen of the French Republic in 1792? Of what type of bird is the condor a variety?
- Which flag is also known as Old Glory?
- Since the Common Market began in 1957,

- which language has had to be used at its press briefings?
- Which substances do Boyle's and Charles's laws concern?
- After which Norse god is Wednesday named?
- Which magazine coined the term 'nouvelle cuisine' in 1975?
- At which football ground did Eric Cantona attack a fan in 1995?

Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 Islay; 2 Doncaster; 3 Thyroid; 4 Four; 5 Order; 6 Kinder Scout; 7 Alligator; 8 George du Maurier; 9 Henry VIII; 10 Electroplated nickel silver.

Niner: FRIGHTENS

Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

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921478
571287

gives a lady,
gives a second lady,
gives a third lady.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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The Chronicle Thursday, August 16, 2018

Well-presented family home in an ideal location

This very well presented three-bedroomed detached house in Denbury Close, Cannock, is for sale through Flint & Co Estate Agents at £200,000.

Having gas central heating and double glazing, its accommodation briefly comprises an entrance hallway, lounge, dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms, a family bathroom, a good-sized rear garden, driveway and a garage.

Ideally located in the popular residential area of Heath Hayes, it is close to shops, amenities, public transport routes and a good school catchment area.

In more detail, the entrance hallway has laminate wood-effect flooring and a storage cupboard.

The lounge has a feature wooden fireplace with a marble effect inset and a hearth housing a gas fire, a double glazed bow window to the front and a window to the rear.

The kitchen has a range of base and wall-mounted units with work surfaces over incorporating a one and a half steel sink and drainer, plumbing for a washing machine, space for a fridge freezer, space for a cooker, an extractor hood, partial wall tiling, tiled flooring, a double glazed window to the front and door to dining room.

Having stairs off to the first floor, the dining room has double glazed French doors to the rear.

Upstairs, the master bedroom has built-in wardrobes with mirrored sliding doors and a double glazed window to the rear.

Bedroom two has built-in wardrobes, and a double glazed window to the rear.

Bedroom three has a double glazed window to the front.

The family bathroom has a suite comprising of a low level WC, pedestal wash hand basin, a bath with a shower over, partial wall tiling and laminate wood-effect flooring.

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- Sitting room/bar area
- Study, kitchen, utility, guest cloakroom
- Master bedroom with ensuite
- Family bathroom
- Gardens front, side and rear
- Double garage
- Awaiting EPC rating

£390,000

HEATH HAYES NEWLANDS LANE



- A spacious 3 bedroom detached
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge, conservatory
- Kitchen, dining area
- Master bedroom with en suite
- Family bathroom
- Front and rear gardens
- Driveway and garage
- EPC rating D

£269,950

HEATH HAYES NUTHATCH CLOSE



- NO CHAIN
- THREE BEDROOMS
- LOUNGE
- KITCHEN/DINER
- FAMILY BATHROOM
- EN-SUITE
- DRIVEWAY
- GARAGE
- EPC RATING C

189950

PENKRIDGE LITTLE MARSH PARK



- A spacious two bedroom park home
- Kitchen, sitting room
- Lounge, dining room
- Guest cloakroom
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Canal side setting

£119,950

HEDNESFORD ANGLESEY COURT



- First floor 1 bedroom apartment
- Modern fitted kitchen
- Modern fitted bathroom
- Lounge, Study/Storage
- Garage, Allocated parking
- Good Location
- Intercom Entrance
- Must be Viewed
- EPC rating D

£99,950

CANNOCK MANOR AVENUE



- Spacious three bedroom detached
- Hallway, Lounge
- Dining room
- Kitchen
- Utility room, cloakroom
- Three good sized bedrooms
- Bathroom
- EPC rating E

£230,000

CANNOCK MORETON STREET



- A two bedroom detached bungalow
- Central heating and double glazing
- Lounge, dining room
- Kitchen, shower room
- Two bedrooms
- Good sized rear garden
- In need of modernisation
- Awaiting EPC rating

£104,950

SHOAL HILL SANDY LANE



- A spacious 4 bedroom detached
- 4 reception rooms
- Kitchen, utility room
- Conservatory, guest cloakroom
- Master bedroom with ensuite
- Family bathroom
- Double Garage
- NO CHAIN
- EPC rating E

£500,000 Offers in the region

HEATH HAYES STAFFORD STREET



- A much improved three bedroom
- Gas central heating and double glazed
- Lounge/diner
- Refitted kitchen/diner
- Three bedrooms
- Refitted family bathroom
- Garden to rear
- Off road parking
- Awaiting EPC rating

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NORTON CANES ARBOUR MEWS



- A spacious three bedroom detached
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge, dining room, conservatory
- Breakfast kitchen
- Master bedroom with en suite
- Family bathroom
- Driveway and garage
- Private drive location
- EPC rating D

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CANNOCK WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD



- A traditional two bedroom
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge, dining room
- Refitted kitchen, guest WC
- Family bathroom
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PROPERTY



Luxuriously appointed cottage has been extended

The Cottage, 146 Hatherton Road, Cannock, is a luxuriously appointed 19th century cottage with individual architect-designed extensions.

Having flexible characterful accommodation, it is for sale through Boot & Son at £460,000: freehold.

The property occupies a corner plot in the much sought-after Shoal Hill area of the town. It has an entrance hall, a central lounge, a family room/bedroom four,

CANNOCK
£460,000

two further bedrooms, a master bedroom, en-suite shower room, a study, a re-fitted family bathroom, a re-fitted dining kitchen, an integral double garage, an orangery, a snug, a landing, double glazing, gas central heating and corner plot gardens. In more detail the entrance hall has ceramic floor tiling,

the central lounge with decorative painted pine panelling, part ceramic tiled flooring, a brick fireplace with an oak mantle, a quarry hearth and a log burner-style gas fire and an oak staircase to the master bedroom suite and a cloakroom recess.

The snug has a feature brick fire surround having a beam and a rafted ceiling and an under-stairs storage cupboard. The study has a feature open tread staircase.

Call Boot & Son on 01543 505454.



Re-modelled bungalow with three bedrooms

A refurbished and detached bungalow, 12 Brindley Bank Road, Rugeley, lies at the end of a popular cul-de-sac.

It is for sale through JR Properties at £239,950 with no chain.

This three-bedroom bungalow has been re-modelled and refurbished throughout by the current owner and has a re-fitted luxury bathroom and grey gloss high end kitchen.

Also coming with a lovely private

RUGELEY
£239,950

south facing garden, it must be viewed, said a spokesman for the selling agents.

It has an entrance hallway, a lounge, a re-fitted kitchen/diner, a bathroom with a white suite including a roll top bath and three bedrooms.

In more detail, a pathway leads

to the front door. The lounge has a ceiling light point, a radiator and a wall-mounted fire.

Being re-fitted, the kitchen/diner comprises a superb high gloss grey kitchen, having a range of wall and base units with over counter granite worktops, an inset sink with a mixer tap and drainer, an integrated electric oven, hob, dishwasher and extractor fan.

Contact JR Properties on 01889 577731.

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<p>Heather Valley HEDNESFORD</p>  <p>Stunning four bedroom detached family home / Set on highly sought after semi rural area / Occupies good sized corner plot / Mature three tier private rear garden / Driveway for up to six vehicles</p> <p>£450,000</p>	<p>Castlecroft NORTON CANES</p>  <p>Executive four bedroom detached family home / Highly sought after residential cul-de-sac / Stunning rear orangery / driveway with parking for two vehicles and separate double garage / NO CHAIN</p> <p>£450,000</p>	<p>Littleworth Road RAWNSLEY</p>  <p>Five bedroom detached family home / NO UPWARD CHAIN / Breakfast kitchen / Drive for more than ten vehicles / Enclosed rear garden / EPC: C</p> <p>Offers in Excess of £400,000</p>	<p>Pinetrees BRERETON</p>  <p>Stunning four bedroom detached house / High spec contemporary finish / Private driveway & double garage / Stunning open pan kitchen & large conservatory</p> <p>£384,995</p>	<p>Castlecroft NORTON CANES</p>  <p>Immaculately presented executive four bedroom detached house / Exclusive sought after cul-de-sac location / Spacious reception rooms & bedrooms / Victorian style conservatory / Garage and drive</p> <p>£375,000</p>	<p>Chester Road RUGELEY</p>  <p>Outstanding executive detached family home / Large corner plot within a peaceful semi rural location / Delightful countryside views to the front / Originally a show home / Open plan family room ideal</p> <p>Offers in Excess of £320,000</p>
<p>Kingfisher Drive HEDNESFORD</p>  <p>Immaculately presented three bedroom detached bungalow / Set on large secluded plot / Large private driveway for up to four vehicles / Substantial landscaped rear & side gardens / Spacious living &</p> <p>£300,000</p>	<p>Shugborough Way HEATH HAYES</p>  <p>Superbly maintained & well presented four bedroom detached family home / Substantial amount of work carried out by current vendors / Additional conservatory / Rear garage conversion / Further sitting</p> <p>£280,000</p>	<p>Ingestre Close HEATH HAYES</p>  <p>Well presented four/five bedroom executive detached house / Spacious lounge and separate dining room / Useful ground floor bedroom/sitting room / Good sized private rear garden</p> <p>£280,000</p>	<p>Stafford Lane HEDNESFORD</p>  <p>Immaculately presented three bedroom detached house / Substantially improved property / Spacious lounge / Good sized bedrooms / Garage and driveway</p> <p>£260,000</p>	<p>Redmond Close ETCHING HILL</p>  <p>NO UPWARD CHAIN / Stunning four bedroom detached family home / Set on end plot within quiet cul-de-sac / Refurbished & finished to high standard throughout / Brand new combi boiler / Contemporary</p> <p>£259,000</p>	<p>Woodfield Drive NORTON CANES</p>  <p>Well presented three bedroom detached bungalow / NO ONWARD CHAIN / Driveway for up to three vehicles / Landscaped low maintenance rear garden / Modern fitted kitchen / Part converted attic</p> <p>£250,000</p>
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<p>Holt Crescent HEATH HAYES</p>  <p>Three bedroom semi detached house / NO ONWARD CHAIN / Refurbished property / Quiet end plot / Spacious open plan lounge-diner / Integral garage and driveway</p> <p>£180,000</p>	<p>Pheasant Way HEATH HAYES</p>  <p>Well presented three bedroom end of terrace house / NO CHAIN / Parking to the rear plus a separate garage / Good sized lounge / Private rear garden / En-suite to the master</p> <p>£170,000</p>	<p>The Brambles NORTON CANES</p>  <p>Immaculately presented and superbly maintained three bedroom semi-detached house / Desirable corner plot position at the end of a quiet cul-de-sac / Finished to an exceptional standard throughout</p> <p>Offers in Excess of £165,000</p>	<p>Chequers Court NORTON CANES</p>  <p>Well presented and deceptively spacious two bedroom property / Close to local shops and amenities / Close to local shops and amenities / Driveway with parking for two vehicles / Private rear garden</p> <p>£145,000</p>	<p>Priory Road BRERETON</p>  <p>Deceptively spacious two bedroom semi detached house / Set on generous plot / Ideal for first time buyers & investors / Gated driveway with parking for two vehicles / Surrounding gardens with hedged</p> <p>£140,000</p>	<p>Foster Avenue HEDNESFORD</p>  <p>Traditional three bedroom semi detached house / Good sized private rear garden / Spacious lounge and open plan kitchen-diner / Driveway with parking for two vehicles</p> <p>Offers in Excess of £140,000</p>
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The Vignale badging adds a new look to every model it touches

Vignale – luxury version of multi award-winning Fiesta

By Carmel Stewart

The Fiesta supermini has been the envy of many a manufacturer over the years and rightly so.

It has held on to its top spot in the annual small hatchback sales tussle and has won multiple awards, into the bargain.

In addition, it is powered by an unbeatable 1.0 litre EcoBoost engine which has won the International Engine of the Year award five times in a row. How can things get any better?

Step up the ultra-posh Vignale – not so much a trim level more an upmarket buying experience is the gist of Ford's marketing.

First introduced on the Ford Mondeo, swiftly followed by the S-Max, the Kuga and the Edge, the Vignale badging adds a new look to every model it touches, along with an almost overwhelming hi-tech, top spec list of additions and luxury touches.

Outside, the Fiesta Vignale is Frozen White in colour, has 17-inch alloys, a specially designed front grille, Vignale bumpers front and rear, Vignale badging, a rear diffuser and a panoramic sunroof.

Inside, there are extremely comfortable hexagonal-quilted, tuxedo-stitched heated leather seats, a three-spoke heated leather steering wheel, Vignale badged door sills and Vignale badged floor mats.



Hi-tech additions and luxury touches

Ford is pretty certain the seats will remain comfortable for the lifetime of the car thanks to its mechanical 'Robot Buttocks' which apparently sat on the seats 25,000 times to prove their durability.

Safety features include a rear-view camera with rear parking sensors.

Fork out an additional £200 and Ford will fit front parking sensors and a delicious piece of stress busting kit – automatic park assist which not only alerts the driver to a suitable parking space but also reverses the car into it.

In-car entertainment is well covered by the 10 speaker B&O Play system, the Apple CarPlay and Android Auto connectivity, and the eight-inch touch screen with voice control.

Buyers have the choice of two engines – the excellent 1.0 litre EcoBoost petrol with 100ps, 125ps, 140ps, or the 1.5litre 120ps diesel.

Best for economy will be the diesel at an average 65.7mpg.

The petrol unit will return between 57mpg and 60mpg depending on output and wheel size. Opting for the excellent automatic transmission will cause a dip in economy, taking it down to 49.6mpg

On the road the Fiesta is still as feisty and fun as it ever was. This latest model, regardless of trim, has sharper steering, new suspension and revised torque vectoring control, making it even more composed and confident.

The Vignale effect includes a dedicated salesperson – sorry, relationship manager – a special Vignale area of the showroom and 24-hour support for buyers who will be fetched and carried from home or work when a service is due.

But all this fun and luxury comes at a price. The entry-level Fiesta Style trim will set you back £13,715. The least you can expect to pay for the Vignale is £20,365.

Opt for the five-door automatic and you are looking at £21,845.

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Gentle update for Sportage and electric charge is upped

By Ian Donaldson

Kia has stepped up its charge to electric power with a new range topping version of its best seller in the UK – the Sportage SUV.

With four in ten Kias wearing a Sportage badge it's an important vehicle for the firm, outsold in its class only by the Nissan Qashqai.

That means more motorists were tempted by a Sportage than an Audi Q3, Ford Kuga, Peugeot 3008, SEAT Ateca, VW Tiguan or Range Rover Evoque. So yes, it's important.

Important, then, that the Sportage stays fresh in the minds of potential purchasers.

So say hello to a gently refreshed version of the Slovakian-built sales success, which hits the showroom from £20,305.

There are the mandatory, but modest, tickles to looks outside and in (front bumper, fog lamps, grille, steering wheel, instruments) and the old 1.7 litre diesel engine option is replaced by a cleaner and more powerful 1.6 unit in two states of tune (114bhp or 134bhp and 130g/km and 126g/km).

The two 1.6 litre petrol engines remain almost unchanged, with 130bhp/162g/km and 174bhp/173g/km on offer, although that's an £830 first year hit on road tax for the latter.

Which is precisely the same substantial first year



There have been modest tickles to the outside

figure for the newest and dearest Sportage, the £34,545 GT-Line S with 2.0 CRDi 48V engine.

That's because, although there's a modest electric motor assist for the engine the fuel it uses is diesel and the government increasingly dislikes the stuff and penalises users who choose it.

This sort of engine is called a mild hybrid – and mild it is. There's a small extra battery beneath the boot floor, charged from a motor that does service to both start the engine or turn generator when you lift off the throttle.

Official

That way there will often be a little extra electrical oomph to help out the diesel.

It means official economy and emissions are improved over the old 2.0 litre, with overall consumption improved from 44.8mpg to 48.7mpg and CO2 down from 166g/km to 152g/km. The new cleaner exhaust misses saving £315 on first year tax by a single g/km.

The new engine comes only in a top spec Sportage, which means there's an automatic gearbox on board, along with all-wheel drive.

Standard spec is lavish, from adaptive cruise control and ventilated and electrically adjusted front seats and heated steering wheel to a JBL sound system, powered tailgate, sunroof, leather upholstery and a 360 around view camera system.

It felt lively and smooth on the move, staying calm and quiet on some winding mountain roads in the Slovakian mountains near where the Sportage is built, offering the sort of undemanding progress and commanding driving position that builds long term loyalty for the best SUVs.

The test drive produced a 40.1mpg read out on the trip computer, not quite the sales clincher you might have hoped for.

Especially as the less expensive 1.6 diesel in similar trim costs £31,245 – saving £3,300 and showing better official economy figures.



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In Grand Sport body style, the Insignia 1.6-litre Direct Injection Turbo can achieve a top speed of 146mph and 0-60mph in 7.2 seconds. For the Grand Sport model, fuel economy is 44.8mpg (combined) with CO2 emissions of 146g/km.

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Award-winning range gets new engine

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Isuzu UK has launched the D-Max Utah Luxe double cab, a striking, comfortable and hardworking pick-up.

A new addition to the Utah range, the pickup includes a host of enhancements, whilst retaining all the features of the multi award-winning Isuzu D-Max Utah. It will be limited to a volume of 75 vehicles in total and will be available in a manual and automatic transmission.

The upgrades of this striking new Utah model can be seen straight away and the Utah Luxe has the following equipment over a standard double cab:

- 18" Diamond Cut Alloy Wheels
- Front Bumper Guard
- Bonnet Protector
- Pro-lift tailgate assist
- Carpet mats

The 18-inch Diamond Cut alloy wheels, bonnet protector and front bumper guard offer a stylish dynamic to the vehicle.

The inclusion of the pro-lift tailgate assist reduces tailgate weight by 95 per cent for easier and safer opening.

Utah Luxe is available in standard Utah

colours but Isuzu recommend Splash White, Titanium Silver and Cosmic Black Mica, as these particular colours provide the strongest aesthetic.

Pricing for the new Utah Luxe double cab manual is only £26,159 CV on-the-road (excluding VAT) and £27,159 CV on-the-road for the automatic, offering a considerable number of upgrades for only £1,000 over the standard Utah double cab CV on-the-road (excluding VAT) price.

Following an already successful year for the award-winning D-Max, the Utah Luxe offers the capability and practicality of the D-Max whilst looking and feeling more sophisticated throughout the pickup.

The award-winning Isuzu D-Max has already had a successful 2018 with several accolades including being crowned 'Pick Up of The Year' at the 2018 WhatVan? Awards, 'Most Reliable Pickup' for 2018 by Professional Pickup & 4X4 magazine, 'Best Workhorse Pickup' for 2018 by Trade Van Driver and 'Best Pickup 2018' by Scottish Field.

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Lexus LC Limited Edition revealed — and it's bright!



The bodywork is finished in an eye-catching Naples Yellow paint colour

Japanese car manufacturers are renowned for a love of making special-edition machinery, and Lexus is the latest to introduce another to its line-up with this – the aptly named Lexus LC Limited Edition.

There's a yellow theme for this variant of the sports car, which was first introduced in 2017. The bodywork is finished in an eye-catching Naples Yellow paint colour, which continues to the cabin — where the black door panels feature yellow Alcantara inserts.

Yellow stitching features on the

white leather seats, instrument panel, steering wheel and centre too, while the headliner is furnished with Alcantara.

As for technology, Limited Edition buyers can expect a head-up display, 10-way power adjustment for the front seats and a 13-speaker Mark Levinson audio system for no extra cost.

Completing the package is a set of 21-inch alloy wheels, with the Lexus LC Limited Edition available with two powertrains.

The first is a 3.5-litre V6 hybrid powertrain with 472bhp and 648Nm

of torque, making the coupe capable of 0-60mph in 4.5 seconds before hitting a 155mph top speed.

There's also a naturally-aspirated 5.0-litre V8 variant, producing 470bhp and 540Nm of torque. The result is an identical 0-60mph time and top speed to the hybrid.

No official word yet on how many units of the Lexus LC Limited Edition will be coming to the UK, nor how much it will cost, but order books are set to open in November. Expect to hear more news following the car's public debut at the Paris Motor Show in October.



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Roland was much loved and will be missed dearly by all of his Family and Friends. The Funeral Service will take place on Tuesday, August 21, 2018, at Chadsmoor Methodist Church, Cannock at 9.15am, followed by a Burial at Stile Cop Cemetery at 10am.

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Funeral Service to be held at Bethany Baptist Church on Tuesday, August 21, 2018, at 1pm, followed by Burial at Stile Cop Cemetery.

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HITCH

Pamela

Of Hednesford.

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JARDINE

Jane

Of Heath Hayes.

Passed away at St Giles Hospice on August 5, 2018, aged 51 years.

The devoted Wife of Andrew and beloved Mom of Alice and Tom, also a loving Daughter, Sister, Auntie and Friend.

Service will be held at St Peter's Church, Hednesford on Thursday, August 16 at 11.45am, followed by Interment in the Churchyard. Family flowers only. Donations to St Giles Hospice c/o Funeral Directors.

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Funeral Service at St Mary's Catholic Church, 11.30am, Thursday, August 30.

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MORGAN

Tony

Of Heath Hayes.

Passed away on July 24, 2018, aged 60 years.

Tony will be sadly missed, by all his loving Family and Friends.

Funeral Service to be held at St. Luke's Church, Cannock, on Tuesday, August 21, 2018, at 11am, followed by Burial at Stile Cop Cemetery.

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Donations to be given to Family for a Memorial table in memory of Tony.

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SMITH

Margaret Beryl

(Beryl)

Loving Wife of the late Cyril and devoted Mother, Grandmother and Great-Grandmother. Beryl passed away peacefully at Talbot House Nursing Home on Friday, August 3, 2018, aged 87 years.

Her Funeral Service will take place at Lichfield Crematorium on Friday, August 17 at 10.30am.

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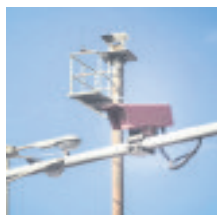
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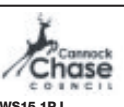
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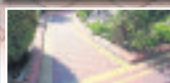
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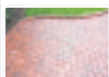
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City duo added to Gavin warm-up bill

A BIRMINGHAM boxing duo have been added to Frankie Gavin's European welterweight title warm-up next month.

Middleweight Daryl Pearce and super welterweight, Jordan Clayton are now also on the bill at Holiday Inn, Smallbrook Queensway.

Gavin, the former Commonwealth and British Champion takes on Kerman Lejarra in the Spaniard's back yard of Bilbao on November 17. Gavin is determined to bring home the European title, and, the 32-year-old will take part in the warm-up bout in his home city as he steps up his campaign.

The five-fight dinner show will also feature Gavin's stablemate Brad 'Bosh' Thomas, and Central Area heavyweight champion, Kash Ali, as well as Walsall super welterweight Levi Ferguson.

The show, 'Bilbao Bound', takes place on Sunday, September 16. Tickets are £65 to include a two-course Sunday lunch or £35 standard unreserved. Tickets can be purchased by calling 07900 741 617.

Masters degree for former Wolves player

FORMER Wolves player Seyi Olofinjana has been awarded a Masters of Sport Directorship (MSD) by Manchester Metropolitan University Business School.

Former Nigeria international Olofinjana, a coach with Scott Sellars' Under 23s side at Molineux, played for Wolves for four years until 2008. He is one of only the second group of prominent sports and business people to be awarded the masters degree. These included former Warwickshire and England cricketer Ashley Giles and former Albion footballer Michael Appleton.

Olofinjana said: "Over a fascinating and challenging journey studying for the MSD we have covered a wide range of topics including leadership, management, and innovation as well as sports governance. A focus on managing staff and athletes looked in depth at achieving the highest level of performance and success. All of this will undoubtedly prove invaluable in my role coaching young people at Wolves."

Young golfers tee up place in national final

TWO West Midland golfers have qualified for the national final of the American Golf Junior Championship.

The Chase Golf Club's Chloe Williamson and Enville Golf Club's Ewan Humphries will participate in the event October, covered on Sky Sports.

Williamson progressed after an outstanding performance in the qualifier at High Legh Park Golf Club, Cheshire, and, despite entering the competition to 'gain experience for future competitions', she finished in second place after a strong back nine holes.

Humphries, from Stourbridge, had an equally as impressive showing at Gaudet Luce Golf Club, Droitwich, winning the upper net category by scoring 31 points off a handicap of 36.

Both Williamson and Humphries will play in the UK & Ireland final at Gainsborough Golf Club, sponsored by Ping. John Clark, managing director of Ping Europe, said: "We're delighted to be continuing our partnership with American Golf and being part of this fantastic event yet again."

70 – but racketball ace Ian plans to carry on

IAN GARVEY continues to prove that age is no barrier to sporting success.

The 70-year-old racketball ace has just added another national title to his sizeable list of achievements – nearly 50 years after being advised not to play sport.

A serious knee injury curtailed Garvey's footballing days when he was in his mid-20s and, according to a doctor, should have meant an end to any strenuous physical activity.

But Garvey, from Stourbridge, had other ideas and decided to take to the squash courts for his sporting fix. A series of operations over the years on his knees, hip and shoulder, have failed to slow the Norton resident down with racketball taking over from squash as his number one sport.

And the sprightly septuagenarian shows no signs of calling it a day on the courts just yet, having been crowned champion in the over-70s category at the National Squash 57, the new term for racketball, Championships at the Edgbaston Priory Club.

Prepare

The victory was all the more remarkable as Garvey had not participated in the nationals since 2008, and underwent major hip surgery in 2009 and a full shoulder reconstruction in 2012.

And Garvey, who has now won 19 national racketball titles, believes this is his greatest victory to date.

"I think this is my best achievement yet, having not figured in the nationals for a long time," he said.

"I had said I was going to call it a day because I have had operations on my hip and shoulder, and my knees are feeling the strain a bit. But I'm going to carry on playing. My wife, Carol, is a bit worried about me playing at my age but I still enjoy it and it keeps me fit and active."

Garvey enjoyed 3-0 victories over John Shingler (Priory) and John Hopkins (Solihull) in the quarter and semi-finals respectively to earn a shootout for silverware with the number one seed, Leicester's Hans Bilson. The final was a very tight 50-minute encounter with Garvey battling through to win 3-1 (9-11, 12-10, 11-8, 11-5).

SPORTING FEATURE

By Nick Elwell

"I smashed my knee up playing football, I damaged my cruciate ligament, and I was told not to play sport. I have had a few operations on my knees but they have held up over the years"

"I won the over-70s competition at my club, Stourbridge Lawn Tennis & Squash Club, earlier in the year and I think that helped prepare me for the nationals," added Garvey.

He has been a member at the Stourbridge club for more than 40 years and played county squash before turning to racketball in the late eighties.

He plays a couple times a week in the afternoon leagues which are open age affairs and see him pitted against younger opponents.

"I played squash until I was about 35 and have been playing racketball since then," said the semi-retired asset finance broker.

"I play in the afternoon league at the club each week. I have managed to win that for the last four years so I am there to be shot at now, I suppose!

"It's open age so I can be up against players who are a bit younger than me. But that doesn't bother me, I don't think about the age, and the experience I have helps."

The latest trophy will take pride of place in a huge collection. Since taking up the sport he has also claimed national glory twice in the over-40s category, four times at over-45, once at over-50, and a double success at over-55. In addition to his single successes, he has also bagged one men's open doubles title and

four over-45s doubles wins. And he has been a national finalist on another eight occasions in various singles and doubles events.

"I have won a few titles and I suppose it's not too bad considering I was advised not to play sport again in my mid-20s," he said. "I smashed my knee up playing football, I damaged my cruciate ligament, and I was told not to play sport. But I started to play squash in my late 20s. I have had a few operations on my knees but they have held up over the years."

"I played in the Birmingham League when I lived in Halesowen and then joined Stourbridge when we moved to Norton in the late 70s."

Not surprisingly, Garvey was also a hit on the squash court where he helped Stourbridge win 11 Worcestershire League titles and five cups while he went through one season with a perfect record of 16 wins from 16 games.

He then turned his attentions to racketball and captained the club to nine West Midlands League Division One successes between 1993 and 2002, doubling five of those wins up with the cup for good measure. Amazingly he lost just one game in those 10 seasons.

And with Garvey showing no sign of easing up, he is delighted to see a boom in the sport he loves.

Leagues

"There are quite a lot of people playing the sport now," he said. "The racket and ball are bigger than those you use in squash and it's probably a bit easier to play. At our club, we have winter and summer leagues and there are about 15 divisions in each, so the sport is becoming really popular."

Sport is very much a part of the Garvey family make-up. "My dad, Geoff, played alongside the great Wolves player and manager Stan Cullis in various war-time matches in the 40s," said Garvey.

"I have got programmes from games he played at Craven Cottage and Stamford Bridge and he played with numerous professionals. My son Mark was a goalkeeper and he played for Stourbridge and Halesowen. And my grandson Ryan is also a goalkeeper and is just starting out with Cookley."

"Sport runs in the family and hopefully I will carry on playing for a few more years yet."



Another win for Ian Garvey who has a wealth of trophies

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Stand of 199 secures win for Penkridge

AN unbroken sixth wicket stand of 199 between Ishaq Mohammed (122 not out) and Nihal Shilar (102 not out) lifted Penkridge to 294 from 95-5.

Mohammed faced 62 balls and struck nine sixes and nine fours, while Shilar faced 76 balls and hit 13 fours and four sixes. Walmley, led by 103 from Sarmad Bhatti, from 99 balls made a brave attempt to chase the target down but came up short on 252 with Shilar taking 3-31.

C & R Hawks' victory over Astwood Bank keeps them in third place but they needed an unbeaten 76 from Saqib Akbar to see them home after they slipped to 46-4 in pursuit of 175-7.

In Division 3, Lichfield lost by 78 runs to Rugby. Owen Edwards (70) and Jeevan Barhey (52) helped Rugby to 246-5 in 50 overs before Vishaal Rathod took 4-20 in Lichfield's 168.

Lemarr Moncrieffe hit 74 and Sean Weinand scored 41 in a Handsworth total of 244 against Milford Hall at Brocton, with Stuart Phazezy picking up 5-34 for Milford. The Staffordshire side were bowled out for 159 in reply with skipper Kevin Royce top-scoring with 46. Bilal Khan (4-34) and Bilal Zameer (3-19) did the damage for Handsworth.

Craig Jennings (84) and Andy Malkin (74) both contributed as Hammerwich racked up 304 in their Staffs Clubs Championship game against Whittington, who ended on 177 in reply.

Armitage were beaten by Springhill, for whom Jabbar Hussain was inspired. He scored 54 in a total of 107 and then took 8-31 to bowl out Armitage for 93.

Veterans return home with the county bowls title

STAFFORDSHIRE VETERANS won the British County Bowls Championships on a tricky green in Northwich, Cheshire, writes *Tim Allen*.

Staffs were joined by teams from Merseyside, Greater Manchester and Derbyshire as the final four played off in a round robin format to determine the champions. After the first two rounds, each team had won one match, so all depended on the final round, which saw Staffs taking on Merseyside.

The lead switched throughout the last two games with each of the four sides capable of lifting the trophy at one point or another but Staffs ran out eventual winners as both Steve Davis and John Corbett provided early 21-9 wins to put their team in the driving seat.

This was followed by wins for Peter Prescott, Ian Whitehouse, Cliff Johnson and Rob Stewart to secure the match win and the overall trophy.

Team captain Mick Brown said: "I would like to thank the whole squad for an outstanding performance. It was a team effort throughout the competition from the qualifier to the final."

All change at Scholars after £12k grant



Club chairman Mick Joiner, left, president Noel Sweeney and first team captain Spencer

CHASETOWN FC officially unveiled their refurbished changing facilities on Saturday.

It came after a £12,775 grant from the Premier League, through the Football Stadium Improvement Fund (FSIF) – the largest funders of non-league football in the country.

The funding enabled The Scholars to reconfigure and refurbish the existing changing rooms and

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The improvements ensure that The Scholars Ground meets the Category D requirements of the FA National Ground Grading Criteria ahead of the March deadline.

The project was made possible by a £12,775 grant from the Premier League, which is deliv-

ered through the Football Stadium Improvement Fund – the sister organisation of the Football Foundation.

Fred Butler, project manager at Chasetown, said: "We are delighted to have completed the improvement works to the changing facilities at the club. There is no question that without the assistance of the grant from the FSIF, we would not have been able."

LATE PENALTY THE CLINCHER

Chasetown 1 Hednesford Town 0

CHASETOWN grabbed the all-important winner with a late penalty in this friendly.

But it is fair to say that all in attendance will quickly forget the game.

The Pitmen were without Nathan Fox and Tom Hill for the fixture, but had four trialists taking their place in the matchday squad.

Rob Smith's side were almost forced into a change after 30 seconds when Charlie Gatter was bundled into the advertising hoardings but he played on after treatment. It was the visitors who started on the front foot though and Reece King saw a header pushed away in the third minute before Gatter saw a shot blocked. The best chance of the opening exchanges came in the 26th minute when a ball forward was flicked into the path of Charlie Edge but he fired wide.

Although the home side had plenty of possession, Josef Bursik had little to do in the Pitmen goal, other than to claim a couple of corners.

Disrupted

Hednesford did have the ball in the net in the 32nd minute but Matt Dodd's effort was ruled out for offside. Bursik was called into action in the 36th minute before Dan Cockerline saw a header saved on the stroke of half-time.

The Pitmen made five substitutes at half-time and this disrupted the flow of the second half for Hednesford. Chasetown forced a couple of corners which were dealt with, while King saw another header saved in the 65th minute.

A minute later Mikey Nelson was through on goal but his lob was easily dealt with before the home side began to press with consecutive corners coming to nothing. Josh Craddock fired an effort well over in the 87th minute and just when that looked like being the last of the action, the home side were awarded a penalty when Bursik took down a Chasetown man. Jack Langston stepped up for the home side to fire the spot kick into the corner and give his side the victory.

Pitmen are at home to Scarborough Athletic on Saturday. Chasetown are at home to Mossley.

Twins show class in one-off race



Kurt Wigley, Phil Paxton, Matt Wigley and Rob Childs after the endurance race at Donington Park

THE Wigley twins showed what a class act they really are after dropping down to club racing for a one-off race – and winning it, writes *James Fisher*.

Kurt and Matt entered the No Limits eight-hour endurance race at Donington Park to get in some much-needed practice and track time, under the Sorrymate.com banner.

The 22-year-olds, from Hednesford, were joined by Sorrymate.com employee Phil Paxton, who was making his racing debut, and fellow British Superbike rider Rob Childs.

After entering the 600 class, the team was

faced with a wet race following an overnight downpour, which left just a one-hour qualifying session to secure a strong position.

During the closing stages of the race, the Sorrymate.com team pushed through, crossing the finish line first in the National 600cc class and fourth overall.

"We completed 263 laps during the course of the race and thoroughly enjoyed every minute," Kurt said. "We'd like to say an extra special thank you to Sorrymate.com for entering into the race, along with our team members for working hard during a demanding race."

Sawyers just misses out on a medal

STAFFORDSHIRE long jumper Jazmin Sawyers suffered a frustrating weekend at the European Championships as she competed strongly but finished just outside the medal places.

In an entertaining and topsy-turvy women's long jump final, Sawyers's third leap of 6.53m saw her into the final eight, going further with her fifth attempt of 6.66m to lift her into bronze position. The City of Stoke AC jumper, from Trentham, then went further, 6.67m, to be in with a medal shout before Ukraine's Maryna Bekh went six centimetres longer on her last effort.

Sawyers's teammate Shara Proctor took third place with 6.70m and Bekh took silver, with German Malaika Mihambo sending Berlin's Olympiastadion crowd into raptures with gold (6.75m).

"I have to be pleased with how the season's gone but right here, right now, I finished fourth – and nothing is going to make that sound good right now," said Sawyers, 24.

"I so wanted a medal. I'm still going. It hurts – I know I have to be proud of myself as every round I competed, in my final round I put myself into a medal position but someone else was better, someone else came after me – after the point where I could do anything about it. I hadn't done enough."

● Wolverhampton's Matthew Hudson-Smith completed a memorable championships by following up his individual gold in the men's 400 metres with silver in the 4x400m relay.

Hayes surrender to five-goal onslaught

Heath Hayes 1 NFK Burbage 5
A SECOND HALF collapse saw Hayes concede four silly goals.

Will Osborne intercepted a backpass to give Hayes an early lead but then keeper Tom Burns completely missed a corner that presented an easy chance for NFK. NFK were having the better of the play but it took a speculative shot from outside the box that went under Burns.

Hayes should have equalised when Osiris Robinson missed an open goal, and again NFK were allowed a third goal through another shot from long range.

Hayes then let in another two goals in the last few minutes.

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